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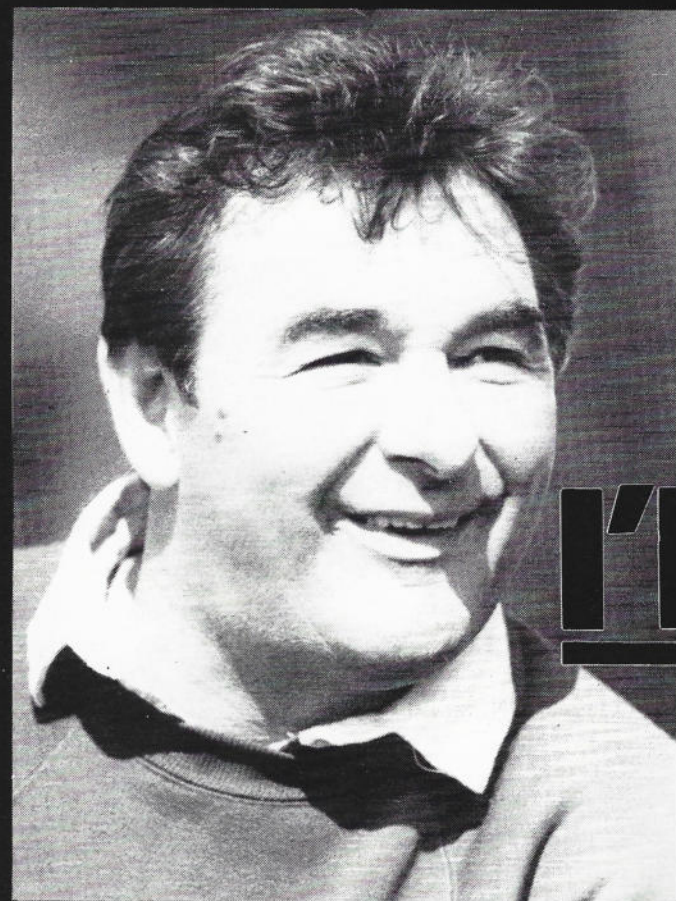
Glenn Hoddle in command
during England's 3-0 European
Championship win in Hungary
More colour action inside.

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ANFIELD SECRETS



Brian Clough

the people's choice
to manage England,
tells SHOOT ...

I'M BACKING

FLATTERED ... that's how I felt about the result of an opinion poll which was published after our disappointing 1-0 defeat by Denmark at Wembley.

Apparently the majority of

people who were questioned during the survey reckon I have the qualities needed to take charge of the England team.

But although I was happy to learn about that in one sense, I must admit I also felt slightly apprehensive.

Helping handicapped

YOU'VE probably read or heard by now that I've been collecting wheelchairs for the past few months.

And maybe I ought to concentrate on doing that for a living because, if I say so myself, I seem to be quite good at it.

The whole thing came about in the summer when Alan Hill — the Youth Liaison Officer at Forest — and I decided to tackle the Centurion Walk.

Now, much as I enjoy walking, you don't march 100 miles across the Yorkshire Moors without something at the end of it and we saw the exercise as an ideal opportunity to raise money for charity.

We asked people to sponsor us for the amount it costs to pay for a wheelchair, which is about £250. Offers started pouring in ... and it

snowballed from there.

It has become something of an obsession with me and since the walk finished, I've done all sorts of things providing people dangled the price of a wheelchair at the end of it.

We set our sights on raising enough to pay for 20 by Christmas — and the total had already reached 25 by mid-October!

The fact that newspapers and TV companies have chipped in has added to the satisfaction because it is not easy to get money out of them for worthy causes.

The important thing is that 25 unfortunate people who need wheelchairs and might not otherwise have got one will have a Happy Christmas.

And if anyone would like to help me make that 50 before the festive season gets under way, I'd be absolutely delighted to hear from them.

I made Frans



**SHOOT
view!**

ALL SMILES PLEASE

ENGLAND'S capacity for winning friends and making enemies is delivered in equal packages.

We thrilled to their display against Luxembourg at Wembley last December when Luther

Blissett turned on a three-goal display on his first full appearance.

We suffered cruelly, and in silence, three months later in the same Wembley Stadium when more or less the same

line-up, strengthened by the return of Sampdoria's Trevor Francis, failed to unlock the Greek defence they had murdered in Salonika.

But a month after the 0-0 draw with Greece, the England flag

was flapping enthusiastically again as Hungary felt the lethal goalscoring sting of Trevor Francis and Peter Withe to revive England's European Championship hopes.

And the long, hot summer

After all, the people of this country voted Margaret Thatcher into power as Prime Minister and I don't happen to think they made a wise choice on that occasion!

Realistically, I am bound to say that opinion polls count for even less in football than they do in politics.

Of course I am flattered that people seem to think I could produce a successful England international team but there really is no more to be said on the subject from my point of view.

It does not matter whether or

And all the while he is manager of England, he will get every single ounce of support I can give him — as he should do from every manager in the country.

I was absolutely thrilled about the win against Hungary and, dare I say, the result was achieved because we fielded the right team.

Every international team that goes out and wins a game is the right one and I just wish we had gone out and beaten Denmark because our place in

BOBBY ROBSON

not I think I might be good at the job because the whole thing is hypothetical.

The fact is that Bobby Robson has a five-year contract and unless a Panzer division arrives to force him out of Lancaster Gate, I can't see him shifting.

the European Championship Finals would be assured by now.

The chances are that the Danes will be heading for France next year, but at least Bobby Robson can now aim for the 1986 World Cup Finals.

go white!

WITH the amount of money it will cost Nottingham Forest to employ Frans Thijssen for six months, I could buy enough wheelchairs to cause a traffic jam on the M1.

He will cost us a fortune, which is especially ironic when you consider he is not even our player.

But if — and I mean if — he plays in 25 or so games before returning to Vancouver Whitecaps and we qualify for Europe again, it will have been money well spent.

The reason I have brought Frans back to English football is that, in strictly business terms, he is a commodity we were lacking.

We needed someone of experience to play in midfield who could control and pass the ball and he has shown in the past that he can do that.

People have said I am taking a risk because he has done it all at

Ipswich and, after his spell in Canada, maybe his appetite for the English game might not be as keen.

I don't know about what he's achieved in the past but I am absolutely certain he's never experienced two minutes from me like he did at Derby recently.

I could tell he hadn't because he went white when I delivered a verbal blast in his direction at half-time during Steve Powell's testimonial game.

It's true that I said I might have made a mistake after watching Frans train with us for the first time. He was slower than Paul Hart that day and that's saying something!

But I am also on record as saying that once he has had a taste of life at Nottingham Forest, he will want to stay for six years rather than six months.

We run a good, tight ship at the City Ground and providing Frans is prepared to grab an oar, he'll enjoy his time with us.

was just beginning to burn our backs when England crushed Scotland at Wembley, riding to an impressively convincing win on the strength of goals from Bryan Robson and Gordon Cowans.

England's pride had been restored, only for it to almost perish on a damp September night when Peter Shilton went one

way and Allan Simonsen's penalty went the other ... and with it realistic hopes of England managing to qualify for the European Championship Finals in France next year.

The England 'switch-back' had reached rock bottom. But what happened?

Bryan Robson returned to midfield, Glenn Hoddle blos-

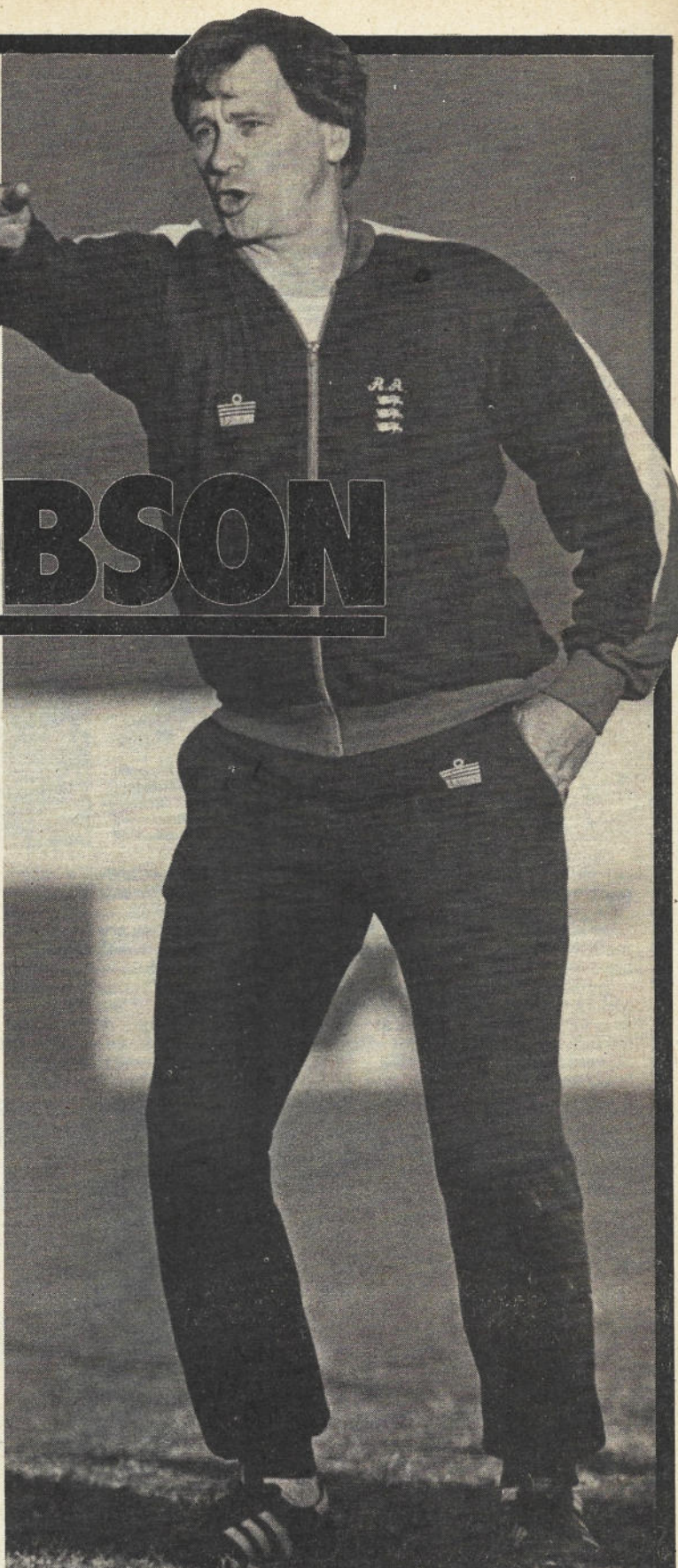
somed at last, and England swept to handsome victory in Hungary.

The adrenalin begins to flow again. Bobby Robson must be congratulated for masterminding the victory in Budapest, and the players, so demoralised after the Denmark game, savaged the Hungarians as if their lives depended on the result.

Reaching the European Championship next summer is not a matter of life and death.

What is most important to English fans is that the national side have regained their pride, their purpose, and have uncovered a pearl in Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle.

Suddenly, we are all smiling again ...



WHEN Scottish internationals Paul McStay and Roy Aitken recently signed lucrative five-year contracts with Celtic they underlined the new mood of players in Scotland.

McStay and Aitken are just two of the stay-at-home superstars — the players English clubs watch with envy, but just cannot buy.

There was a time when Scottish players formed a queue to join English clubs. But, with the cash crisis hitting a lot of Football League teams, the Scots are taking a more cautious approach.

Some have undoubtedly found it can be just as rewarding staying in their homeland.

Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, who has done so much to boost soccer at club and national level, says:

"In the past some players have obviously believed that the grass is always greener on the other side of the hill.

"They have been curious to give it a try, but I have always insisted that Scottish football is not inferior to any other country. The challenges are here, too."

Dundee United, one of the best run clubs in Britain, operate a pension scheme for their players that gives them the assurance that their standard of living will still be maintained after their playing days are over.

Tannadice manager Jim McLean, the mastermind behind so many innovative moves at United, has persuaded a lot of his players to sign fairly lengthy contracts.

SCOTS STARS ENGLAND CAN'T BUY



Rangers' Ally McCoist (right) has just returned from England, but Gordon Strachan (above) could be going the other way.



United players are on a basic wage that makes sound economic sense, but they can be extremely highly paid if they are winning and picking up bonuses that go with victories — such as last season's triumph in the Premier Division Championship.

There are unique schemes at Tannadice, like an entertainment bonus, for instance, that means players such as Paul Sturrock,

David Narey, Paul Hegarty, Eamonn Bannon, Davie Dodds and Richard Gough — all full Scottish internationals — aren't tempted across the border.

Aberdeen are in much the same situation although, sadly, it looks as though Gordon Strachan will be leaving Pittodrie at the end of the season when his contract expires.

Like his former Dons team-mate and good personal friend Steve

Archibald, Strachan is eager and determined to play in England.

Aberdeen, far from being hard-up, are in no rush to sell their hottest property, but manager Alex Ferguson has already said he will not let matters off the field interfere with the progress of the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders.

Willie Miller, Scotland's stand-in skipper when Graeme Souness is out, and his central defensive partner Alex McLeish are also coming to the end of their contracts and that is bound to attract English interest, but those two players, unlike Strachan, are likely to be happy to stay at Pittodrie.

Why has there been a revolution in Scottish soccer? Why has the flood of players to England become a mere trickle?

Stories of players who have performed in England have got back and some Scots just aren't willing to put their reputations on the line if they think they are not going to get a fair crack of the whip.

Celtic's Frank McGarvey, who had a disastrous three-month spell at Liverpool, said: "If you're not in the first team at Anfield, you're no one."

"You could lie down on the

Harry proudly shows off his garden shed resplendent in Sunderland's red and white stripes.



Shoot! BRAUN



FAN-TASTIC!

OUR well-deserved fan of the week is something of a local celebrity in Sherburn Village, Durham.

As our photograph shows, nothing is safe from the red-and-white colours of Sunderland when 62-year-old Harry Hutchinson is around.

He has painted railings, a garden seat, path edgings, coal house, clothes posts, steps, wheel barrow, lawn mower, watering

HAS THERE BEEN

can, spade and many other objects at home in the famous colours of his favourite team!

Nominated by his good friend C. P. Lamb, Harry has supported Sunderland since the age of six and has not missed a home game since the War.

He even spent time in detention during the War for going absent without leave to watch a Sunderland game.

He rarely misses an away game and once attended a match with a broken leg. He even arranged his wedding around Sunderland's fixture list.

Says C. P. Lamb: "Harry's shortest journey to watch them play away is a 260-mile round trip to Manchester and he clocks

...dressing room floor and people would just step over you."

McGarvey's Parkhead colleagues Brian McClair, who had a short spell with Aston Villa as a teenager, and Jim McIlroy, who played in the firing lines of Leicester and Coventry, have also sampled English football and are happy to be back in Scotland.

Paul McStay says: "England? I've honestly never thought about playing there because I'm so happy at Parkhead."

"Celtic have always been my team. I feel as though I have been here all my life and I wouldn't change it for anything."

"Sure I've read about English



Paul McStay (left) and Paul Sturrock (above) are two Scotsmen happy to stay put.

teams watching me, but that doesn't bother me. When I was offered the five-year contract I couldn't sign swiftly enough.

"Let's face it Celtic are one of the biggest clubs in the world and one of the most famous. It's a pleasure to play for them and my country."

Roy Aitken says: "Like Paul, I couldn't get my name on those forms quickly enough. They were exactly what I wanted."

"I was looking for security for myself and my family and now I have that. I've never had any thoughts of leaving Celtic. There's

not a team like it. I'll be here as long as they want me."

Rangers, too, have their fair share of players who have sampled soccer in England such as Sandy Clark, Ally McCoist and John McClelland and those Ibrox stars are also delighted now to be involved in the Premier Division.

McClelland emphasises: "Some players talk about going to English football for a challenge, but that doesn't wash with me. There is enough of a challenge in this Premier Division."

On the face of it, Scottish clubs are very stable financially. There won't be many English clubs, for instance, who will have more cash in the bank than Celtic, Rangers or Aberdeen.

Dundee United have used money very intelligently. For example, the £400,000 fee they received from West Ham for Ray Stewart wasn't wasted. Some of it went on updating a section of the ground and another part was laid aside for players' incentives.

Appeal

The days have gone where players couldn't wait to get into English football. Possibly the appeal has diminished slightly. Possibly Jock Stein deserves a round of applause for doing a lot to enhance the game in Scotland and give every encouragement to the home-based stars.

He has already stated he would go for a home player rather than an 'Anglo' if he had to choose between two players of equal ability.

Paul McStay, Roy Aitken, Paul Sturrock, Richard Gough, Willie Miller, Alex McLeish and David Narey are just some of the players who probably will never appear in English club football.

Scottish soccer fans can be delighted at that prospect.

BETTER SUPPORTER THAN 'RED HUTCH'?



Even a 900-mile round trip to London couldn't keep Harry from Sunderland's game at QPR.

nearly 10,000 miles a season to see them.

"In fact, he only has to visit another four grounds to complete the 92 League clubs."

Harry can add another trip — this time to London at the end of the season to collect his superb SHOOT/BRAUN award at the Cafe Royal.

DO you know a super fan like Harry Hutchinson? Then write to Shoot telling why he or she deserves to be rewarded for his loyalty to football and his club.

In collaboration with Braun Electric (UK) Ltd, one of the leading manufacturers of electric shavers, Shoot is searching for the Fan of the Year 1984.

From the letters received we will select the Fan of the Week.

Each will receive a silver-plated facsimile of the Shoot/Braun Fan of the Year trophy, a pair of Adidas football boots, a super shaver from Braun and an Adidas Tango football for his or her club.

Later in the season our Fans of the Week will be studied by a panel of football personalities — including Bobby Robson, Bryan Robson, Trevor Brooking, Charlie Nicholas, Mike Farnham, Steve Perryman and Ray Clemence — who will select the Fan of the Year.

All Fans of the Week, along with their nominators, will be invited to an expenses-paid luncheon at the Cafe Royal in London, where Frank Bough, the famous TV presenter, will again host the ceremony to honour the FAN OF THE YEAR.

In addition to a superb trophy, the winner and his or her companion will be offered free trips to Paris for the Final of the 1984 European Championship. Want to join the hunt for the FAN OF THE YEAR? Then send your nomination straight away to Shoot/Braun Fan of the Year, Shoot Magazine, IPC Magazines Ltd, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS, enclosing his or her photograph and shoe size.

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KERRY Dixon, Chelsea's 22-year-old striker with the golden touch, is fast becoming the most talked-about young player in the League. Since joining Chelsea from Reading for £175,000, Dixon has been bulging nets at home and away, showing great individual skill and exactly why he

THE *Shoot!* INTERVIEW

won the Shoot/adidas Golden Shoe Award last season as the Third Division's top scorer. Now he's even being tipped as a possible England player

of the future.

Shoot talked to Dixon about his astonishing rise to stardom from soccer obscurity.

The Second Division's crack marksman set to capture more

KERRY GOLD

Shoot: You were rejected by Spurs and chose to play in the Southern League. How did this come about?

DIXON: I was playing for Chesham United when Spurs invited me to become an apprentice. But I was doing a tool-making apprenticeship at the time and did not want to turn pro. So I went to White Hart Lane as a part-timer. I was just 18, too old for the youth side and unable to break past the likes of Mark Falco and Garry Brooke in the reserves. So they let me go. I joined Dunstable Town and carried on my apprenticeship.

Shoot: What did you do at Dunstable to earn a second chance in the Football League?

DIXON: I scored 52 goals in one season, finished the Southern League's top scorer in all competitions and Reading paid £20,000 for me in the summer of 1980. I was very grateful for the chance.

Shoot: Now that you have played in a higher level of football, how does life compare with playing in Division Three?

DIXON: Oddly enough, it's tougher inside the penalty-area at this level, yet it does not look that way from the terraces. Players are sharp, quick and hit you hard. You have to be that bit quicker to convert chances. But outside the box I find more room to play, more time on the



The inevitable celebrations following Dixon's first goal (left) in the 5-3 win at Fulham recently.

lean patch starting tomorrow and have to slog to get out of it. No, I'll stick with my original figure.

Shoot: You have received a lot of publicity since the start of the season. Do you find this gives you a great lift, a surge of confidence?

DIXON: No! If anything I am very wary of it. I know that if I let all this early fuss go to my head I'll lose touch with reality. Then, when the inevitable poor run comes as it does to us all, I'd struggle to cope — really feel down and depressed. I am keeping my head clear of illusions. I am a young striker, still learning his trade and with a lot to do.

Shoot: Yet you have blasted goals in a style that has set the Stamford Bridge terraces alight. There is no doubt that the fans have taken you to their hearts.

DIXON: I think they have taken this team to their hearts. We are playing a style of football that is good to watch and good to play. We have four good wingers at the club — Clive Walker, Peter Rhoades-Brown, Pat Nevin and Paul Canoville. At the moment the latter two are playing wide on either flank. Colin Lee and myself get marvellous service and that is why the goals have been going in.

Shoot: It's very early to be talking in terms of promotion, but on the evidence of the games you have played, what do you think of your chances and those of the other sides?

DIXON: I want people to talk in terms of promotion. It's what the fans want and what we want. We are attacking every team we meet, hell bent on leaving them with nothing. I believe that is the only way to

escape from a division that is packed with very good teams. But there are no cheap points in Division Two. It will be hard going all the way to game 42. I don't see any side doing a Liverpool and pulling well clear of the rest.

Shoot: What do you think Chelsea must do to sustain their excellent start?

DIXON: If we keep playing the way we are at the moment, playing good football and believing in ourselves, the goals will go in and the points will mount up. Of course we expect to hit a lean spell, but it's how you cope with them that matters — no panic, no change of policy.

Shoot: On the personal front, what are your ambitions?

DIXON: Above all else I would like to play for England one day. I think every player worth his salt shares this ambition.

going at this stage in my career.

Shoot: At the rate you are going you could be past that figure by Christmas!

DIXON: I'd like to believe that, but you have to be very careful in this game. I always admired Malcolm Macdonald tremendously. He was a natural goalscorer. But he, and lots of top strikers like him, have suddenly dried up. I believe he went something like 17 games without a goal during his career with Newcastle. I could hit a



ball. That is why Second Division games are probably a lot better to watch.

Shoot: You have been quoted as saying your target for this season is 20 goals. Since you'd scored 14 by early October, have you revised this target?

DIXON: I dislike setting myself targets. What I said was that if I scored 15 in my first season at a higher level then I would be pleased. Once I'd cracked double figures in September I had a rethink and settled for 20. I still regard that as good

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, 29th October

Aston Villa v Arsenal

ARSENAL have recently improved their post-War record at Villa Park with two draws and a win in their last four First Division visits. That was after a run of nine defeats in ten visits. Last season The Gunners were beaten by the odd goal in three and are hoping that this wasn't the beginning of another dismal run at Villa Park. The home fans fondly recall two 5-1 home victories over The Gunners since their return to the First Division in 1975.

Liverpool v Luton

LUTON have a fine record at Anfield with four draws and only one defeat in five League visits. Luton's 3-3 draw on this ground last September still lingers on in the memory for it was achieved despite losing goalkeeper Jake Findlay before the interval and having Kirk Stephens and then Mal Donaghy in goal.

Man. Utd. v Wolves

SAMMY McILROY scored a hat-trick when these two sides last met at Old Trafford in the First Division two years ago. United won that game 5-0, their biggest home win against Wolves since their first League meeting 91 years ago which resulted in 10-1 home victory. Fortunately for Wolves, McIlroy has moved on.

Southampton v Ipswich

SAINTS have generally found Ipswich difficult to beat, even at The Dell. In 17 League visits the East Anglian side have lost only five times, winning six and drawing six. Last season Ipswich completed a double over Saints, winning 2-1 at Portman Road and 1-0 at The Dell. Since Southampton returned to the First Division in 1978 they have only beaten Ipswich once at home — 4-3 two seasons ago.

Watford v West Ham

WATFORD will be well satisfied if they can repeat last season's 2-1 home win over West Ham on Saturday. Neither of these sides has yet failed to score against the other in all six League meetings, but West Ham only got last term's goal with a Ray Stewart penalty. Of the six games played to date The Hammers have won three, Watford two, and one game has been drawn.

WBA v Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM haven't won a League game at The Hawthorns since September, 1964 when they scored two goals without reply. Since then seven games have resulted in four wins for WBA and three draws. If The Blues fail to win on Saturday it will equal their worst run of eight games in a row on this ground without a win.

St. Mirren v Rangers

ONLY one win in their last eight games at Love Street is Rangers' worst run of League results in the long history of games against St. Mirren. True those eight visits include three draws, but the four defeats in this period stick out like a sore thumb in the record of 85 League visits. Rangers' previous Premier Division visit last February resulted in a 1-0 defeat.

England fans are glowing about Bryan Robson's performance for England against Hungary. Shoot has invited two of Bryan's former team-mates, John Wile and Ashley Grimes to assess the ability of Britain's most expensive footballer...

'He is as brave as they come'



ASHLEY GRIMES

I can't pay Bryan Robson a higher compliment than to say he can do almost anything on the football field.

He is good in defence and is tremendous going forward to lend weight in attack.

He pops up with vital goals and yet I have seen him turn in a great performance as a sweeper — as he did in the Milk Cup for Manchester United against Bournemouth last season.

Weaknesses? In all the time I played with him at Manchester United, I never really detected a weakness.

One of his great strengths is to find time on the ball. He rarely seems to be rushed, however close the attentions of an opposing player.

He suffers a number of injuries, and that is worrying, both for England and Manchester United.

Had he played against Denmark, I'm confident England would have turned in a better performance. He wasn't there — and they lost.

He gets injured sometimes because he goes for balls that aren't really his. He has this tremendous determination to win the ball.

If I had to be a little critical, I'd say he should discipline himself not to attempt tackles that are not really 'on'.

He is as brave as they come. He is not afraid of anything. He goes in where it hurts.

WORLD

He has been criticised for the strength of some of his tackling. I'll tell you this, I have never seen Bryan Robson deliberately foul anyone.

He is the ideal captain because he does his utmost to encourage you. He keeps you going even when you're having a bad game. He likes responsibility and responds to the demands placed on a captain without hiding when the going gets tough.

I don't think there is a more modest player in the game. Despite all his success, he has never forgotten where he came from, the chums he knew years ago, and is extremely well-mannered in vic-

But the England



tory, never gloating.

Like most of us, he hates to lose. He'll take defeat like a man but you can see it hurts.

When I consider the greatest players I've played with, Bryan Robson comes a very close second to Liam Brady, my Republic of Ireland team-mate.

Liam, Bryan and Ray Wilkins — they're all magic as far as I'm concerned.

Bryan Robson has nothing to prove to me. If England start winning he can be as good as anyone in the world.

But I suppose you are only as good as your country.

WAIT

Hold on a minute. I'm deeply moved by the tributes from John and Ashley but there is something I'd like to say about this 'world class' tag I'm given.

It must be remembered that all the great players of international football, Diego Maradona, Paolo Rossi, Karl Heinz Rummenigge and Zico, have proved themselves to be truly world class performers through their deeds in the major tournaments with fans all over the globe plugged into their matches.

I have not yet had that world exposure. I have played in one World Cup and my chances of going to the European Championship next summer depend on the results of other qualifying games.

I feel I must perform on the world stages, at the very highest levels of the game, before I can sit back confidently and say: "I made it."

Players peak between the ages of 26 and 30. I am 27 next January,

so I reckon Manchester United and England will get the best out of me in the next three or four years.

What I am saying is that I will not feel I've fulfilled myself until I've performed better at international level by leading England to success at world level.

To be truthful, I find all the praise a bit much at times. When I first joined West Bromwich Albion, my whole world centred round getting into their First Division side.

I'm pleased to say I made more than 200 League and Cup appearances for Albion before my transfer to United. Playing for England was only a dream in my early days, so if I say the praise is a little overpowering, I hope people will understand.

I'm far more interested in Manchester United and England than Bryan Robson. Beating my old team West Brom to go top of the First Division in mid-October was a memorable Saturday at Old Trafford, and coming just a few days after England's fine win in

CLASS ROBSON

and Manchester United star says ...



'Most complete player of my time'

I have no hesitation in saying that, along with Peter Shilton, Bryan Robson is truly international class.

He is the most complete midfielder of my time. I make the point because he has the rare ability to dominate any game he plays.

If you compare Bryan with the standards set by the world's leading players, he holds himself alongside them.

It was a pleasure to see him returning to the England side and doing so well in Hungary.

He was involved in that game right from the whistle. With a bit of luck he could have had a couple of goals. His work-rate was impressive.

We all know that Glenn Hoddle had a good game and received the credit he deserved in the newspapers the next morning.

But Glenn went out of the game in Budapest for a while.

The difference is that Bryan Robson did *not* go out of the game. He was involved in all the tackles, he ran and ran, and was outstanding throughout.

I have known Bryan since he was



JOHN WILE

15. He came to West Bromwich Albion after leaving school and made an immediate impression on me.

I loved his attitude to the game then. And I love his attitude to the game now. He hasn't changed one bit, despite all his success.

Like so many of these lads from the North East — I come from there myself — his attitude was tremendous, very down to earth, never pretending to be something he isn't.

He was worth every penny of the £1.5m Manchester United paid West Brom.

I would never dream of paying that for a player, but if I had to spend that sort of money, I'd spend it on Bryan.

He was the piece in the jigsaw United needed to climb back to the position of power they once held in football.

He's a tremendous winner, you know. He doesn't just impress on Saturdays. He's a good player on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays ... in training!

He plays every training game as if he's playing a Cup Final.

There is no limit to what Bryan Robson can achieve in football.

FOR IT!

Hungary brought to a climax one of the most memorable weeks in my life.

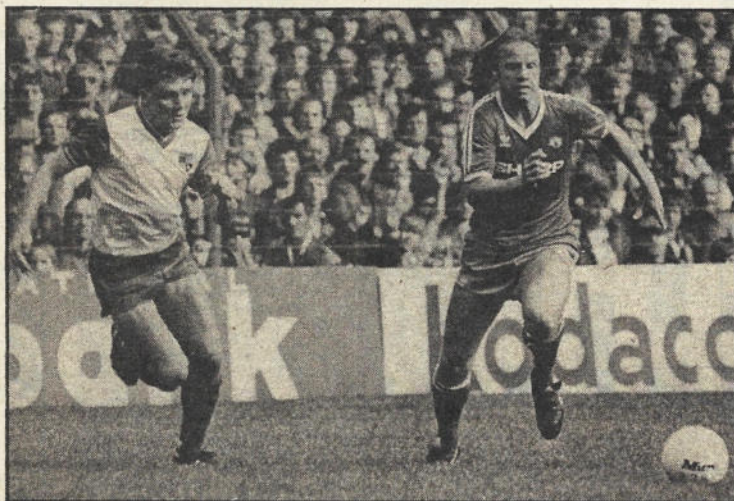
So we all set off for European competition in Bulgaria in high spirits and the promise of a full house at Old Trafford against Spartak Varna on Wednesday, November 2.

Before I write another word, I want to pay tribute to Arthur Graham. He was given the hardest job in football when the boss asked him to take over from Steve Coppell.

He grabbed his chance with both feet and has been one of Manchester United's success stories.

Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside can't get over the number of fabulous balls Arthur is playing into the box.

We're doing our bit by playing the ball to Arthur's feet and he's giving the full-backs a roasting. He plays farther up than Steve, not tackling back as much. He's loving it because he's playing in the best team of his football career.



It's not easy for a winger to perform in a team that was struggling as much as Leeds.

So it's no surprise that Norman Whiteside is looking good again — and getting goals. The trouble

Arthur Graham has been in brilliant form on the wing for United this season, as Stoke full-back Robbie Savage discovers.

with Norman was that he was beginning to believe what the newspapers were saying about him having a "tired look".

The title race promises to be one of the hottest for years. Liverpool's convincing win at West Ham was noted at Old Trafford.

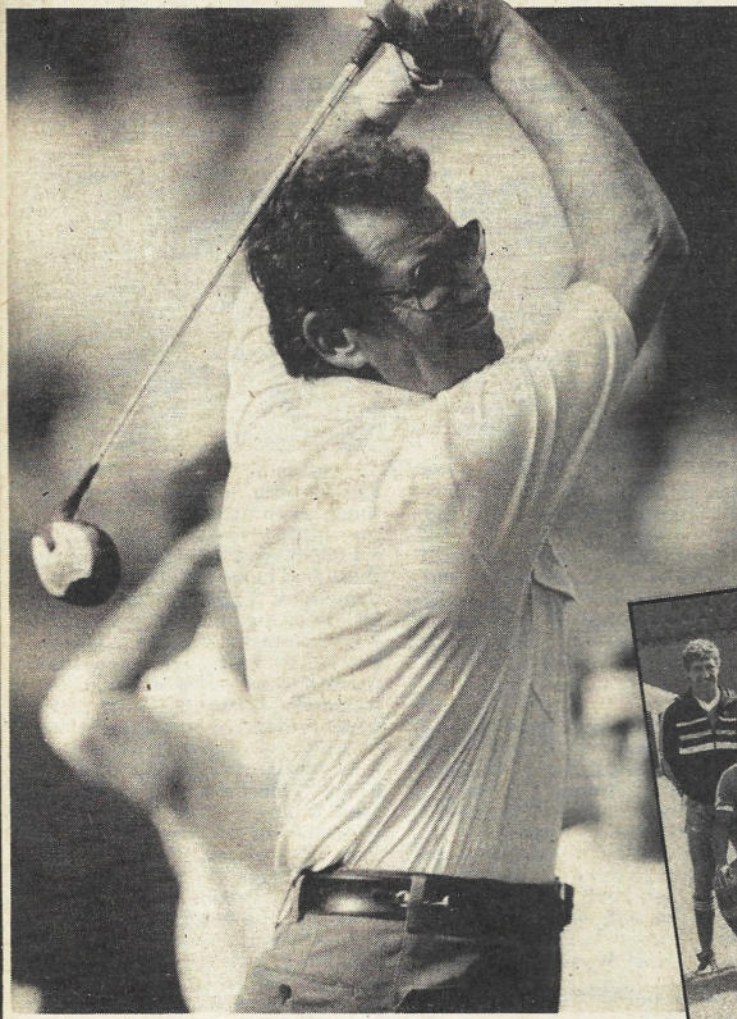
I'm not sure Ipswich have the men to win the Championship. If they were going to take the title, I suspect they would have achieved that when they had Mick Mills, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen.

Spurs' seventh win in eight matches at Wolves' expense must have encouraged Keith Burkinshaw, but it's difficult to make up so much ground when you've had a bad start.

Meanwhile, you can bet your life that Manchester United will continue to go flat out for our first Championship in 16 years.

Bryan Robson

ROCKFORD ROOTS FOR O's



ORIENT'S newest fan is something of a Maverick — but at least they'll be glad to have him on their side rather than against them.

You see, the Maverick in question is none other than James Garner, who portrayed the West's greatest gambler in the TV series of that name before moving from the prairie to the city to look after the Rockford Files.

What on earth has an American movie star to do with a Third Division football club in the East End of London?

Well nothing until Jim's daughter fell in love with a young chap who happens to be on the staff at Brisbane Road.

Now Big Jim can't hear enough about the exploits of Frank Clark's men.

"Yeh, they're a great little club down there and I'm rooting for them to win promotion. I see their results every week back home, and I was disappointed not to be able to get to see them when I was over in England recently for the Bob Hope Golf Classic at Moor Park," said Jim.

"To be honest, walking around a golf course for six hours plays havoc with my knees these days, and I didn't have the energy to drive straight off across to the other side of London.

"Mind you, the way I played golf that day I think I'd have been better off watching Orient!"

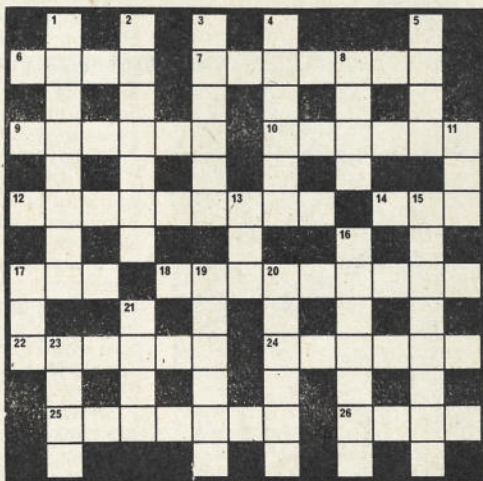
Jim wouldn't have been too pleased. Bristol Rovers won 1-0 at Brisbane Road to knock Orient off the top of the Third Division.



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- (7) Len —, manager of Cardiff City. (7)
- (9) John —, Wolves defender. (6)
- (10) Widzew Lodz are a team in this country. (6)
- (12) Coventry City midfielder. (5 & 4)
- (14) Greg D---s, Norwich defender. (3)
- (17) — United, Scottish First Division club. (3)
- (18) Leicester midfielder. (3 & 6)
- (22) Practices to increase ability and fitness. (6)
- (24) --erton, Birm--gham and --ov-ntry (First Division clubs). (6)
- (25) Country in the same group as N. Ireland in the 1982-84 European Championship. (7)
- (26) -annad--e Par--; home of Dundee United. (4)

SHOOT! CROSSWORD



DOWN:—

- (1) Lawrie —, Southampton manager. (8)
- (2) Paul —, West Ham striker. (7)
- (3) Real —, have won the European Cup six times. (6)
- (4) The 6th, 9th, 2nd, 1st, 14th and 13th letters of Partick Thistle. (6)
- (5) — Cummins, Crystal Palace midfielder player. (4)
- (8) Geo-ge B-r--y of Ipswich Town. (4)
- (11) The —, home of Millwall. (3)
- (13) ---field Park; ground of Stirling Albion. (3)
- (15) Tony —, Arsenal striker. (8)
- (16) Paul —, Luton central defender. (7)
- (17) Alvin M---in, West Ham defender. (3)
- (19) The 3rd, 1st, 15th, 11th,

- 8th and 6th letters of Blackburn Rovers. (6)
- (20) Ronnie —, Liverpool midfielder player. (6)
- (21) — Park, ground of East Stirling. (4)
- (23) Elland —, Leeds United's ground. (4)

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Spot the difference

See if you can spot ten differences between these two cartoons

ANSWERS ON
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PIONEER COMPETITION RESULT

IN OUR Pioneer Competition, readers were invited to identify the teams represented by each of five football songs. The correct answers were: 1 — West Ham; 2 — Southampton; 3 — England World Cup Squad 1970; 4 — Liverpool; 5 — Chelsea.

Having considered all entries, the judges decided that the nearest correct entry, with age taken into account, came from John Couzens, of Dover who wins first prize of a Pioneer SK909L Transportable Stereo System and Ipswich kit. The prize also includes a trip to Ipswich's ground to receive the prize, have lunch, meet the players, and watch the match against Liverpool.

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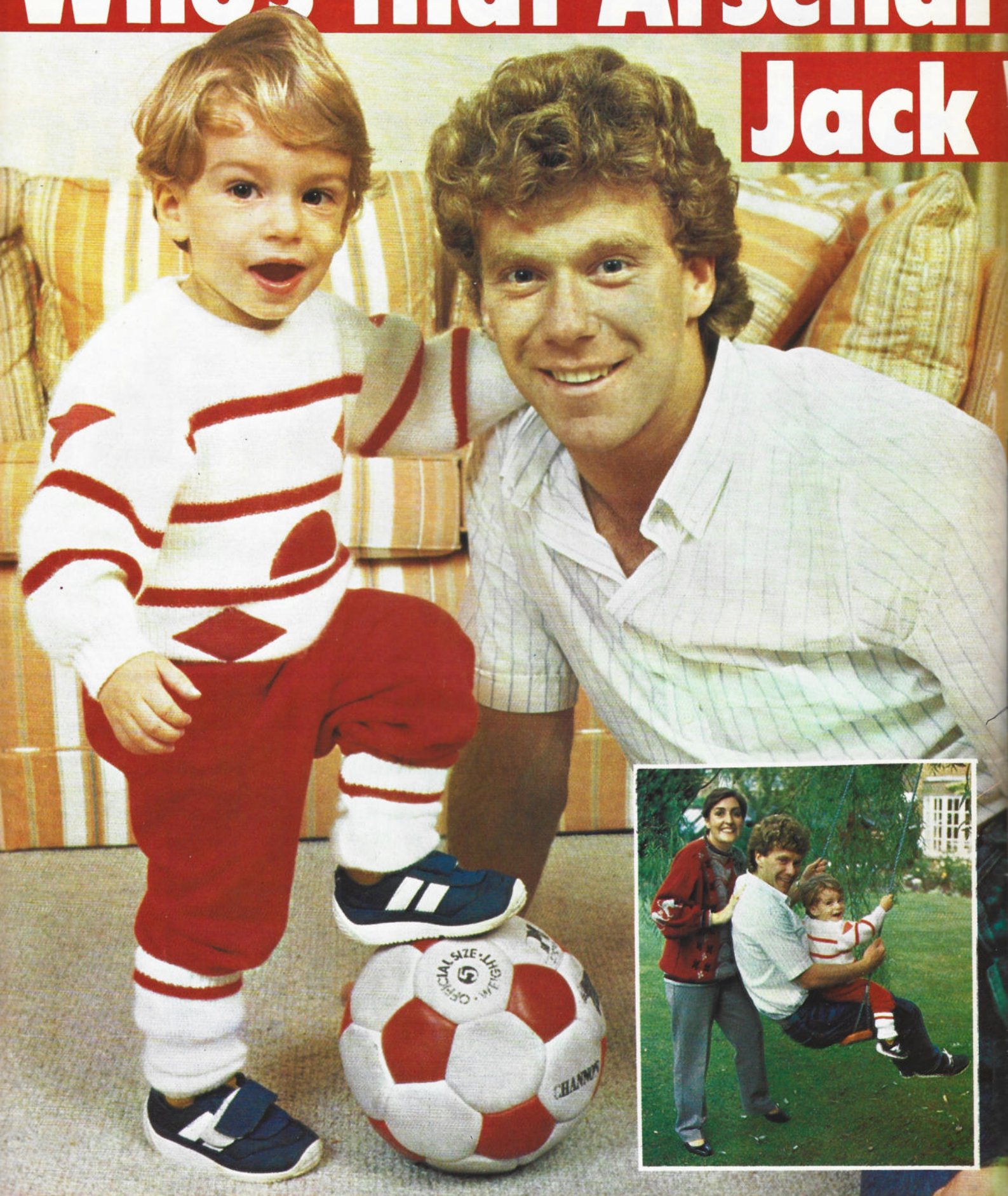


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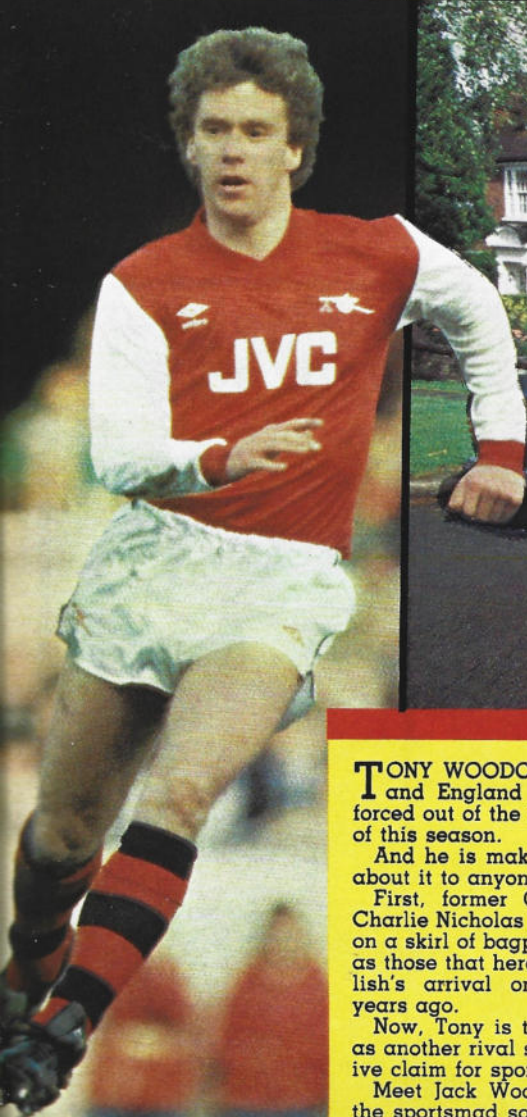
NOW LOOK HERE, DAD. If you want to become a great striker like me, and go on to play for Arsenal and England, you must learn the basics of ball control.

"As you can see from the picture on the left, I have trapped the ball dead. I'm hoping this pose will be used in the next F.A. Coaching Manual.

"Most star footballers possess a car, and as you can see, Dad, I'm no exception. Unlike you, though, I don't go a lot on those big Mercedes jobs. I find them a bit too big for the North London traffic.

"I am a small car person, Dad. This Arsenal-red one-seater saloon is just right for my trips to the ground at Highbury.

"What do you think of the house, Dad? The lawn takes some mowing, but I've installed a swing for you and Mum if you want to pop round . . ."



TONY WOODCOCK, the Arsenal and England striker, has been forced out of the limelight for much of this season.

And he is making no complaints about it to anyone.

First, former Celtic star striker Charlie Nicholas swept into London on a skirl of bagpipes as deafening as those that heralded Kenny Dalglish's arrival on Merseyside six years ago.

Now, Tony is taking a back-seat as another rival stakes an impressive claim for sporting recognition.

Meet Jack Woodcock, aged two, the sportsman son of Tony and his wife Carole.

These are early days, but Jack seems to have the same ball sense

as his illustrious father showed in carving a glittering football career at Nottingham Forest and Cologne before arriving at Highbury.

Typically, Tony, one of League football's most popular personalities, has made Scotland's Charlie Nicholas as welcome at Arsenal as he would if he was receiving his only son.

He has been fiercely supportive of his new team-mate as he takes time to settle in the First Division after scoring goals galore in the Scottish League.

"I'm certain," says Tony, "that as the season progresses, my partnership with Charlie will get both of us among the goals.

"I'm hoping that I've had my quota

of injuries this season, and that I'll steer clear of the problems I had last season which forced me to miss Arsenal's last six matches, the British Championship and England's three games in Australia."

A hamstring injury has sidelined Tony this season but he is determined to force his way back into the England team to add to his 28 caps.

He explains: "When I signed for Arsenal two summers ago, one of the main factors in my decision to return home was the opportunity it would give me of being watched by the England manager.

On the brief evidence of his partnership with Nicholas, Arsenal are heading for better days.

And Jack would agree with that!

BLAST LIFTS HILAIRE

VINCE Hilaire was cynical when Crystal Palace manager Alan Mullery told him he would get more out of him than anyone ever had in the past.

Now he is showing the best form of his life ... and thinking that maybe Mullery was right after all.

Things started to happen for the 23-year-old Hilaire after Palace had crashed to one of their worst defeats for years.

That was in a Milk Cup-tie at Peterborough, when they surrendered a three goal advantage from the first-leg, lost the second by the same margin — and went out on penalties.

Mullery hit the roof, read the riot act and threatened to fine the whole team — a move emphatically rejected by the Professional Footballers' Association.

The Palace boss swung the axe for the next match ... and

Hilaire was one of those to lose his place. But he got a reprieve when he came on as sub — and has not looked back since.

He re-established himself with some scintillating displays and hands all the credit for it to Mullery.

"I must admit I was doubtful when the manager claimed he was the man to get the best out of me," said the talented black winger.

"No one has managed to do that before, not even Malcolm Allison. I met Malcolm when we played at Middlesbrough this season and he remarked again that he did not know where my best position was.

"Alan Mullery insisted that I was best employed on the right of our midfield. And the way things have been going since I started there makes him a good judge.

"I played the best football of my life when Terry Venables was in



charge at Palace, earning England 'B' and Under-21 caps. Now I am in that sort of form again.

"But I know I have to keep it going. It's no good producing a performance for 60 minutes in every match, or playing well every other game.

"Consistency — or rather the lack of it — has been my problem in the past. The manager wants me to turn it on every week — and it's hard to argue with that."

And Mullery says: "When you have the sort of ability Vince has you have to make the most of it.

"He is capable of being outstanding every single week of the season and that's what I'm looking for from him.

"On his day, he is among the best players in the country and if he can produce what we all know he is capable of he can make himself a fixture in the England team."

Mullery's blast after the Peterborough shambles had the desired effect. The players have responded in determined style and if they can keep it going could be in with a shout of promotion.

Mullery has already tasted that sort of success twice — taking Brighton from Third to First Division in his spell in charge at the Goldstone.

He wants to do it again. And if he can keep Hilaire in his current form has every chance of getting it.

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Glenn's amazing!

Glenn Hoddle was simply outstanding during England's win in Hungary, but I like to think that I also played my part (inset)!



STAR WRITER

ROLL up! Roll up for the greatest display of ball-juggling in Britain — staged most days at Spurs' training ground in Cheshunt, North London.

It's put on by Glenn Hoddle, the finest showman in our game, whose ball tricks are absolutely amazing. The first time I saw him going through his routine, it left me more breathless than three laps of the field.

He'll knock the ball from foot to foot, head to toe, over his head and back again at bewildering speed!

It's a pity he rarely gets the opportunity in the hurly-burly of a League game to include selections from his one-man shows at Cheshunt.

In my opinion Glenn is the most gifted player in the Football League at the moment, one of today's rare breed of crowd-pullers who can attract extra paying customers.

Years ago, just about every team had at least one player who, because of his exceptional talent, was a big draw at the gate.

Last season Glenn had problems with injuries and was often criticised by the Press for drifting in and out of games and not being 100 per cent involved. But now he's managing to steer clear of knocks and is in a game from first whistle to last.

I was absolutely delighted for Glenn after he topped the bill in



GARY MABBUTT

England's game against Hungary in the Nep Stadium. He was our outstanding player, even though it was a superb team performance which helped to wipe out England's disappointing defeat at Wembley by Denmark.

Glenn scored the first goal and had a foot in the other two, a blinding volley by Sammy Lee and a spectacular knock-in by Paul Mariner.

Glenn's mastery of dead-ball situations was illustrated perfectly by the finely-flighted free-kick which curled neatly into that part of the goal which 'keepers find most difficult to reach!

It was one of the moves we'd rehearsed in training, with Bryan Robson and Sammy Lee shielding the ball from the opposition's wall and parting as Glenn took the kick.

Any Brazilian would have been proud to have scored that magnificent goal!

But Glenn will be the first to tell you he doesn't regard himself mainly as a goalgetter, but as a goalmaker, the man who wins the ball and lays on the passes for the front men to aim at the net.

Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager, summed him up superbly when he said: 'Hoddle is probably the best distributor of the

ball since Bobby Charlton. He is a master of the 'killer' pass... the ball which splits an opposing defence like a laser, leaving the man on the end of it with a clear scoring chance.'

Glenn said after the Hungary game that he prefers playing in the role in which he played for England, between the midfield and the strikers, and I believe it's his best one. But I know Spurs will stick to playing him further back, where he can also be used to break up opposing attacks.

For all the praise he received, Glenn remains a modest person, always ready to have a chat with fans and give advice to players.

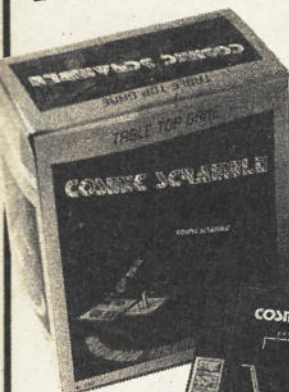
In my year at Spurs playing alongside him I've improved my football education 100 per cent. He's made me a far better player.

Now that Glenn has shown what he can do on the international front, I'm sure he'll become a regular choice, and probably one day go on to become captain of England.

I'd like to think that while he's playing the role of international superstar for club and country, I'm right there behind him amongst the supporting cast!

Gary Mabbutt

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ROBSON TO THE RESCUE — AGAIN!



LAST season, ace marksman Bryan Robson was summoned to Carlisle on a rescue mission and his goals were a vital factor in saving his former club from relegation.

In 1983-84, it could well be Sunderland who adopt the slogan: "Bring back Pop."

A return to First Division soccer for the Sunderland-born striker is a possibility well worth considering for the Roker Park club.

Bryan "Pop" Robson was appointed coach by the Wearsiders at the start of this term, and with his team at present hardly setting the woods on fire, could be put on standby.

Already this is threatening to be the season of the veterans. Frank Worthington at Southampton and Billy Bonds at West Ham are still

for first team duty, I'm willing. My games in the reserves have kept me match fit."

It is no secret that Sunderland badly need a player who can hit the back of the net. In their first nine League matches, they scored just nine goals, with two of those from the penalty spot and another two gift own goals.

Manager Durban had felt the signing of midfielders Paul Bracewell and Mark Proctor would allow his side to dominate more games and, consequently, the goals output would increase.

Yet lack of goals has continued to be Sunderland's big worry.

Only the consistent Gary Rowell and his young partner up front, Colin West, have been on target with any sort of regularity.

But while the 20-year-old West's record could be considered reasonable for a player who hasn't had a full season in the top flight, the big centre-forward still has a lot to prove.

Punch

In an effort to introduce more punch into the attack, Durban brought the experienced Leighton James back into the side against Coventry, and he sent over the cross which provided West with the winning goal.

But the Sunderland forward line has been far from impressive, and the introduction of Robson could supply extra guile and thrust and quite possibly provide Rowell with the close support he needs.

If "old timers" like Billy Bonds, Frank Worthington and Leighton James can still make their presence felt in the First Division, why not Robson? A player dedicated to physical fitness throughout his years in the game could be an inspiration to Rowell and West at Roker.

Robson says: "In my coaching job, I work to develop confidence in the youngsters, which is so vital to them. If I can do this, I'll be delighted — I'll feel I'm doing something important."

Judged on "Pop's" record as a goalscorer and his ability to instruct others in the soccer skills, it's on the cards that he could be important to Sunderland not only as a coach but also as a player — the ideal man to give a boost to the struggling Wearsiders.



Gary Rowell (stripes) could benefit from Robson's return.

flourishing in the top flight. And the 37-year-old Robson is far from being a spent force, available to turn out again in the Sunderland first team if required.

In August, Sunderland boss Alan Durban said: "Bryan will coach the First Division squad, though I would only use him in dire emergency in the League side."

"I want 'Pop' to play with the reserves to show the youngsters that it's possible to keep going until late in their careers if they follow his example."

Robson himself is ready to play in the First Division if needed. He says: "If our manager calls on me

IT is three years since Arthur Cox took over as Newcastle United boss, and although he hasn't managed to win promotion during that period he has succeeded in bringing back some of the old-time fervour to St James' Park.

Born in the Midlands, Cox travelled to Tyneside to become United's ninth post-War manager and in his spell in the Gallowgate hot-seat has cleared out no fewer than 42 professionals. And only four out of Newcastle's current

McCreery, Ryan, Malcolm Brown and Peter Beardsley, that has made Newcastle highly touted to return to the First Division this season.

Cox says: "The bookmakers have made us favourites to take the Second Division title this campaign and while I don't necessarily agree with them right at this moment it goes without saying that we would like to prove them correct next May."

"Our chief ambition is perfectly clear — we want to get back into the top flight. I believe that it will be harder than ever to do so this

who pledges support for his manager.

"If Arthur Cox feels he has to buy again, I'm sure we would be willing to find the cash," says Seymour. "It would be pointless standing still now."

"While there is obviously not a

limitless supply of money, we would dig even deeper if it would help bring First Division football back to St James' Park."

This season is a testing time for Cox. So far, he has brought the crowds back to Gallowgate — only promotion will keep them coming.

42 players ditched to make way for new talent

COX'S CLEAR-OUT

Will it work?

professional staff of 23 were on the payroll before his arrival.

The four players to escape the Cox axe are goalkeeper Kevin Carr, centre-half Steve Carney, midfielder Kenny Wharton and striker Chris Waddle.

But Cox has done more than insist on a clear-out. He has built up a playing pool which includes four full internationals — England's Kevin Keegan and Terry McDermott, John Anderson of Eire and Northern Ireland's Dave McCreery.

England Under-21 international John Ryan and Welsh Under-21 international Martin Thomas could also progress to full international honours.

And the ever-ambitious Cox says: "We need a couple of players to make us a well-balanced outfit and improve our chances of getting promoted."

Last season, the United boss wasn't satisfied with his team's finishing fifth in Division Two, though he considers he wasn't favoured with any lucky breaks.

"When Kevin Keegan was out with his eye injury we lost valuable points which could have put us among the top three."

It was the signing of Keegan, over a year ago, plus the subsequent arrival of McDermott,

season, but to balance that, I think our squad is stronger than at any time since I came to the club.

"Our signings have delighted me, though in the case of Malcolm Brown it's unfortunate that he has been out of action so long since he tore his Achilles tendon in training. When he is fit, I'm sure he will justify the high hopes we have of him."

"Every club needs a lucky break now and again to be successful, and if Lady Luck smiles on us over the next few months it will be a big help to us in the task of climbing out of the Second Division."

"To do it, I guarantee 100 per cent effort from the players and myself."

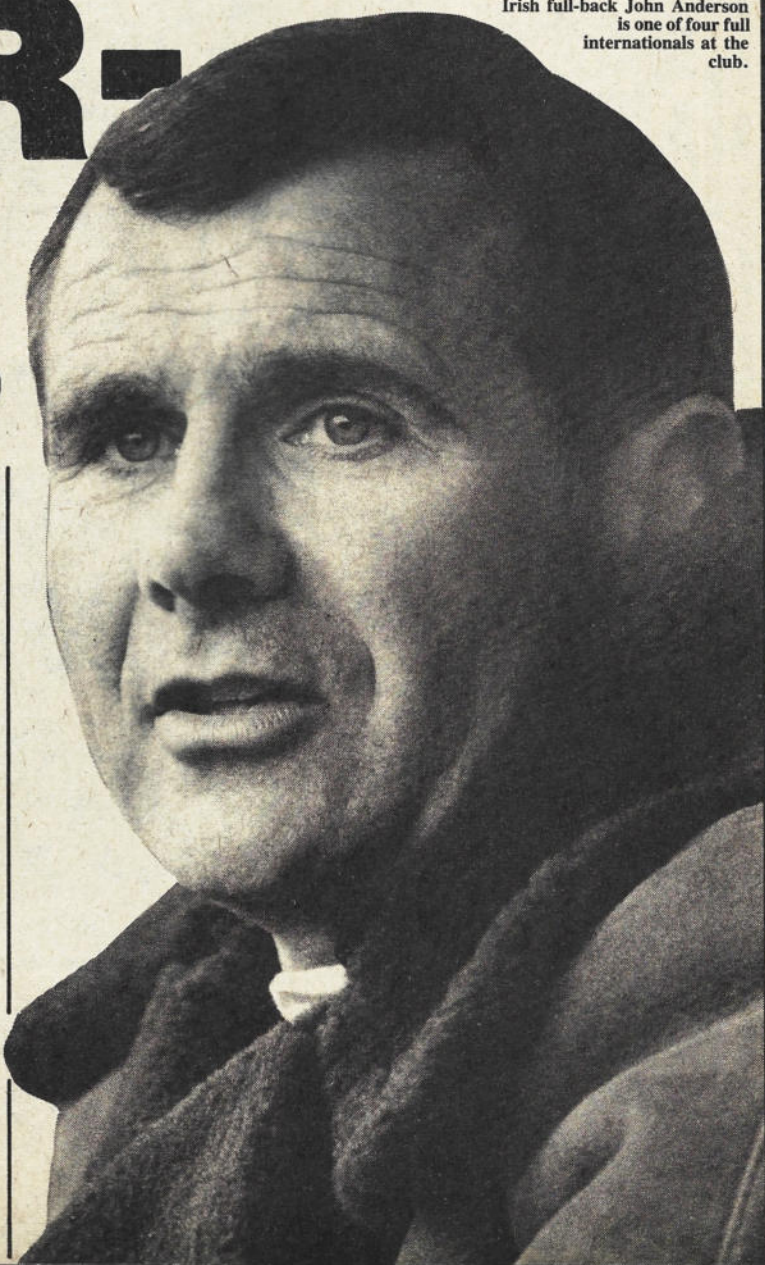
Certainly, even Cox's severest critics, and he had some following the transfer of Imre Varadi to Sheffield Wednesday, would never dispute the all-out commitment he has always shown to the club.

Previously, he demonstrated the same single-mindedness in coaching Preston to the Third Division title in 1970, coaching Sunderland to their F.A. Cup win over Leeds in 1973, and later in managing Chesterfield.

The determination of Cox to take Newcastle to the top is fully matched by the dedication of United chairman Stan Seymour,



Irish full-back John Anderson is one of four full internationals at the club.



MEMORY



BRITAIN IN EUROPE

1 Only one club from England and Scotland failed to reach the Second Round. Who were they?

2 Trailing 2-0 from the First Round, first-leg, Watford stormed back to beat West Germans Kaiserslautern 3-0 in the return (left). Who was the Watford hero with two of their goals?

3 Tottenham thrashed Drogheda 14-0 in the UEFA Cup First Round. Did Gary Mabbutt, Alan Brazil or Mark Falco finish top scorer over the two legs with four goals?

4 Liverpool beat Odense 6-0 on aggregate in the European Cup. From which country do Odense come?

SCOTTISH PREMIER

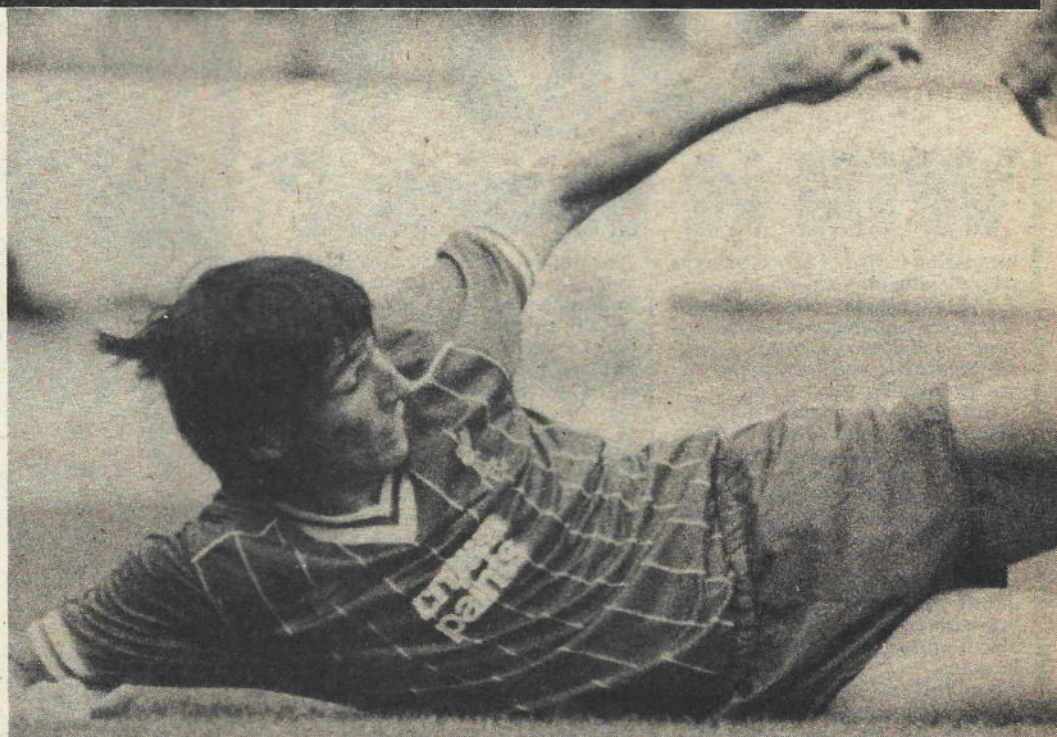
Following Dundee United's title success last season, a lot of interest has been generated in the Scottish Premier this term.

1 Hearts started the campaign in fine form by winning their first five League games. Who is manager at Tynecastle?

2 Davie McPherson has been scoring goals for which Premier club this season?

3 Can you identify the two players in the action photograph below and which clubs they play for?

4 Is it true that Rangers have won the old First Division and Premier Championships more times than Celtic?



CHARITY SHIELD

Liverpool and Manchester United provided an exciting curtain-raiser to this season.

1 Which United player is pictured evading Liverpool's Alan Hansen to set up another attack for the Old Trafford club?

2 Manchester United beat Liverpool with two goals from

which player?

3 It was the first time United had won the Charity Shield outright since 1965, 1966 or 1967?

4 The two clubs have met once in the League this season ... what was the result and where was it played?

TEST

BY
JOHN HAMON

**Study the photographs
and answer the
questions about
the season so far.**



MILK CUP

The Second Round of the Milk Cup threw up some major surprises, especially in the first-leg games.

1 The biggest shock of the first-leg was Millwall's defeat of West Bromwich Albion. What was the score?

2 John Wark (above)

saved Ipswich Town's blushes with a hat-trick in their 4-3 win against which Second Division team at Portman Road?

3 Which Fourth Division club travelled to Stoke City and held them to a 0-0 draw?

4 Two First Division clubs lost their first games at home. Leicester City were one ... who were the other?

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



1 England were left with a mountain to climb after their disastrous 1-0 defeat by Denmark at Wembley. The Danes' goal was a penalty. Who is pictured, left, handling in the area?

2 Scotland failed in their bid for France '84 ... which country topped Group One?

3 Wales stand a great chance of qualifying. Which group are they in and can you name the other countries?

4 Northern Ireland's hopes were dashed when they were beaten 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2 in Turkey recently?

ANSWERS:

CHARITY SHIELD, 1. Arthur Graham, 2. Bryan Robson, 3. 1967, 4. United won 1-0 at Old Trafford.
MILK CUP, 1. 3-0, 2. Blackburn, 3. Peterborough, 4. Wolves.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, 1. Phil Neal, 2. Belgium, 3. Group Four, Norway, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, 4. 1-0.
BRITAIN IN EUROPE, 1. St. Mirren, 2. Ian Richardson, 3. Falco, 4. Denmark.
SCOTTISH PREMIER, 1. Alex MacDonald, 2. Rangers, 3. Aberdeen's Neale Cooper (left) and Davie Lods of Dundee United, 4. Yes.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:—

ACROSS:— (6) Echo, (7) Ashurst, (9) Pender, (10) Poland, (12) Gerry Daly, (14) Own, (17) Ayr, (18) Ian Wilson, (22) Trains, (24) Evince, (25) Austria, (26) Tick.

DOWN:— (1) McMenemy, (2) Goddard, (3) Madrid, (4) Chapel, (5) Stan, (8) Rule, (11) Den, (13) Ann, (15) Woodcock, (16) Elliott, (17) Art, (19) Absorb, (20) Whelan, (21) Firs, (23) Road.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

1. Spectator's cap missing. 2. Stand roof longer. 3. Autograph hunter wearing short sleeves. 4. Extra pages on his book. 5. Player has badge on shirt. 6. Badge missing from stretcher bearer's cap. 7. His glasses are missing. 8. Button missing from other bearer's jacket. 9. Extra fans. 10. Stretcher bearer's sash missing.



Straight shooting from JIMMY GREAVES

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This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from **MALCOLM CARSON** of Guildford Road, Woking in Surrey. He writes:

THAT'S BETTER, ENGLAND



Congratulations to England for at least saving face with their 3-0 victory in Budapest. Even though it came too late to book our place in the European Championship Finals, it was still nice to see our national team playing well. But let's not go overboard, after all, Hungary were pretty useless.



I agree — Hungary didn't have a clue. But the fact remains that England still had to win away and they did it well. I was pleased to see Glenn Hoddle finally producing the goods, which solves at least one problem for Bobby Robson. Now he can give Glenn an extended run in the side. But I still have my doubts about the front two and feel Trevor Francis must return when fit. For the second successive game, Peter Shilton had virtually nothing to do, which proves just how bad Hungary were. To be honest, virtually any 11 players could have beaten them. I don't want to demean England's win, but I feel they'll have a much tougher time in a couple of weeks away to Luxembourg, because at least they'll try. There's no way I expected that Hungary side to take anything off the Danes. Denmark have a better attack than England, and who needs a defence against Hungary?

England skipper Bryan Robson takes the quick route to the Hungarian goal in Budapest.

Old youngsters

I cannot see the point in allowing over-age players to appear for the Under-21 teams. This defeats the whole object of the exercise.

JIMMY ROBINSON, MIDDLESBROUGH.



Absolutely. As I've already said, bring back the Under-23s and ensure every player falls into this category. The only exception I'd make would be to bar anyone with, say, half a dozen full caps. The only point of having a 'Young' international team is to develop future stars. It gets to be a joke when the captain of Scotland's Under-21 team is goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine at the age of 35!

Breach of P.C.

What are your views on the Police Federation's threat to cancel matches which could be affected by crowd trouble?

DAVID MOWAT, UDDINGTON, GLASGOW.



I think it's just an attempt to try to get crowds in line. I'm not even sure if they have the power to cancel matches off their own back. The home team pays the police to attend their games, so surely it's up to them to decide whether to cancel or not.

Willie Irvine was still congratulating himself on scoring 25 goals for Motherwell when new manager Jock Wallace told him to get on his bike!

"Shocked? Yes, I think that is the word for it," says Irvine. "I had been joint top goalscorer with the club alongside Brian McLaughlin and the team had just been promoted into the Premier Division."

"Manager Davie Hay quit, Jock Wallace took over and, quite obviously, my face didn't fit."

"I hardly got a kick of the ball in the Fir Park first team after that and, thankfully, I got the opportunity to join Hibs in a straight swap deal with Bobby Flavell going to Motherwell."

'Better'

"The move couldn't have worked out better. Strangely, Brian McLaughlin moved from Motherwell shortly afterwards to Hamilton. I thought it was rather odd that a club should discard its two top marksmen!"

Irvine took a while to adjust to his new Edinburgh surroundings, but this season the goals have started to flow again and manager Pat Stanton beams: "What a difference a few goals can make to a footballer's confidence and outlook."

"Willie is a transformed player these days. He's putting himself around a bit more and there is confidence in his finishing. It

A VENGEANCE!

makes a world of difference."

Forwards rarely get two bites at the cherry in today's competitive world and whereas Irvine may have dwelt or pondered about a half-chance last season, he is now striking out first time at the target area and goalkeepers are finding that his touch has returned with a vengeance.

Irvine started his career with Celtic before being told he wasn't good enough. With grim determination, he refused to quit. He joined a junior club and attracted the attention of Alloa.

The incomparable Ally MacLeod, then manager of Motherwell, took him to Fir Park where he flourished until Jock Wallace decided to change just about everything he had inherited from Davie Hay!

"I was happy at Motherwell," says Irvine, "but I wouldn't swap places today. I'm much better off here at Easter Road."

"We've got a team that is coming together and the spirit in the dressing room is superb. Okay, last season was tough. It was a period of consolidation and, of course, Pat Stanton had just taken over as manager of the club from Bertie Auld."

But you can't keep a good scorer down...

"He had different ideas from Mr. Auld and needed time to put them into practice. But even during this period it was obvious that teams were beginning to fear Hibs again."

"Everyone here is thinking along the same lines. What we need now is consistency. That's the ingredient that is missing."

"We've certainly got the ability. Take, for instance, our game against the eventual League Champions Dundee United at Tannadice last season."

"They were winning 3-1 at one stage, but we got back to make it 3-3 and take a deserved point."

"Yes, the talent is here at Easter Road. Consistency has got to be our main priority now."

Willie Irvine may not be the 'new' Charlie Nicholas, but the leggy, talented marksman is certainly headed in the right direction.

Jock Wallace may even testify to that — Irvine netted a superb goal against Motherwell in the League this season as Pat Stanton's men lifted two precious points in a 2-1 victory.



Irvine on target during the Edinburgh 'derby' at Hearts.

Open critics

Managers such as Ron Atkinson (below), Keith Burkinshaw and Brian Clough shouldn't criticise their players in the Press. Any complaints should be delivered in the privacy of their offices, not through the media.



PETER WELCH, WATTSTOWN, S. WALES

Let's get one thing clear. Every manager criticises his players. Some do it publicly, others do it in private, but many of those who criticise behind closed doors are a great deal more vicious in their attacks. Let's just be thankful that football is an honest, open game, unlike cricket and rugby where everyone supposedly loves everyone else and there's no such thing as discontent.



Milk mess

Playing the Milk Cup Second Round over two legs was a waste of time. The big clubs didn't try in the first-leg, while smaller teams who won in the earlier meeting still weren't guaranteed a place in the Third Round.



JOANNE WEBB, ROWLEY REGIS, W. MIDLANDS

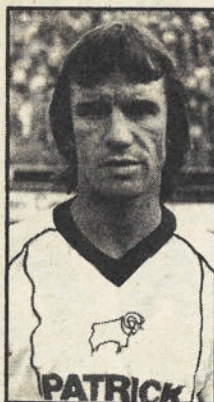
I can't agree that the big clubs don't try, because nobody likes losing to so-called 'giant-killers'. But I agree that the Second Round should be one game — sudden death. By all means play the First Round over two legs to give teams a chance to get into their stride at the start of the season, but from then on it should be a straightforward knockout competition.

Host of stars

I was pleased to read that England could be hosting a possible World Club Championship tournament at the beginning of 1985. What do you think of the idea?



CLIVE CHESSE, SUTTON, SURREY
At the moment, I don't know enough details to give an expert comment. But obviously, they'd have to hold it after the League season had finished. To be perfectly honest, I think we have more than enough soccer as it is. We've the European Championship Finals in 1984, the World Cup Finals in 1986 and now they're trying to organise something for '85. Even the prospect of some of the world's greatest teams might not be enough to fill our stadiums. The cost of bringing teams from all over the world would be astronomical, so huge crowds would have to be guaranteed.



Dave Watson (above) and Joe Corrigan (right) have both been below their best since returning from America.



Over the hill

Since returning from America, Tony Currie, Dave Watson, Alan Hudson, Joe Corrigan and Frans Thijssen have all struggled to get back into their stride. Has this anything to do with the alien playing style of the NASL?



GARY SCROBY, HALIFAX, W. YORKS
No. In the cases of Currie, Watson, Hudson and Corrigan, they are all simply past their peak. That's why they went to America in the first place. The only player who does surprise me is Thijssen, who two years ago was the best player in the League. I can't understand why he has struggled so much at Forest, but I hope he soon rediscovers his true form.

Pools problem

I'm amazed at the number of so-called pools 'experts' in the newspapers. Surely if they were as good as they claim to be, they'd all be sunning themselves in the Bahamas instead of working.

J. DIXON, HEBBURN, TYNE & WEAR



If they were that good, I'd be in the Bahamas with them! But seriously, nobody can honestly expect to correctly forecast the result of every match. It's just a bit of fun which helps to create extra interest in the game. I do a spot of fixing the odds for Ladbrokes, but I don't do the pools. My wife does, though, and I'm just keeping my fingers crossed ...

TIPS FROM THE TOP

BY PAUL TREVILLION

KEVIN KEEGAN Newcastle and England

The explosive, diminutive and speedy Kevin Keegan uses every ounce of his energy and every inch of his body when scoring goals.



INSTEP CONTROL



The speed with which Keegan takes the ball into a goalscoring position is achieved by controlling the ball with the instep, which gives a much smaller area of contact with the ball than the inside of the foot but allows a more natural running stride.

CHEST CONTROL

Keegan's secret of controlling the ball with his chest without checking his running stride is down to BREATH control. Just before the ball hits his chest he fills his lungs with air, breathing out on impact, the ball dropping at his feet.



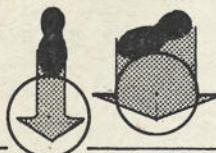
KICKING WITH THE KNEE

When the ball is at such a height that Keegan cannot get his head or foot to it he will strike it with his knee. The kicking action comes from the STANDING foot that propels him forward.



KICKING WITH THE TOE

Keegan, at full stretch, will kick the ball with his toe. His secret is to contact the ball slightly above centre, producing forward spin which makes the ball bounce low and skid through — a goalkeeper's nightmare.



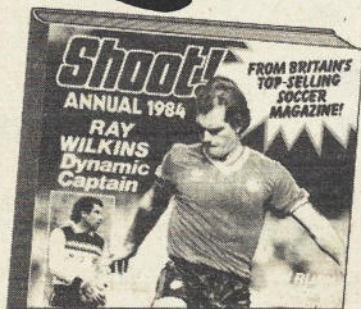
TWO FOOTED JUMP

To practise Keegan's quick reflexes, stand with the ball between your feet, then, with a two footed leap, jump to an imaginary cross, flipping the ball up behind you. Then, having landed on your feet, turn and head the ball before it hits the ground.

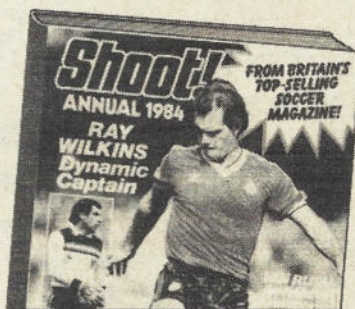




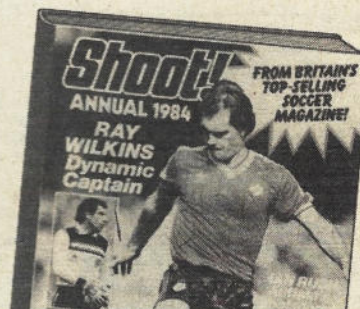
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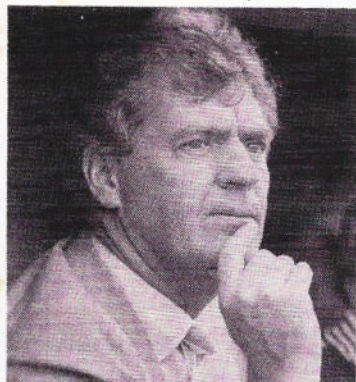
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



The Manager... **Lawrie McMenemy** **SUPERB TEAM-BUILDER**

LAWRIE McMenemy is the man who turned down the job as manager of Manchester United — and didn't live to regret it.

McMenemy, boss at The Dell since June, 1973, has already done much of the hard work in re-building a team for the fourth time!

Team-building has filled the big fellow's time at the Hampshire club. A side when he first arrived, a second team to win the 1976 F.A. Cup, a third to get Saints back to the First Division and then, after the phasing out of the experienced men, another team filled with youngsters and old 'uns.

McMenemy regards their high placing in the League as a bonus, a big encouragement in the first stages of the campaign.

It's Amazing

1 Southampton, founded in 1885, are called 'Saints' because the club was first formed by members of St. Mary's Church. After nine years they were admitted to the Southern League and won the Championship seven times in 11 seasons. In 1896-97 they went through the entire season without a single defeat in the Southern League.

2 They played their early matches at the Antelope Ground, switched to the County Cricket ground and then took up residence at The Dell in 1898. Runners-up in the F.A. Cup in 1900 and again in 1902, Southampton became founder members of the Third Division in 1920-21.

3 A year later, when the Southern section of the Third Division was introduced, Southampton became the first Champions and were promoted to the Second Division, where they held their place right up until 1953. In their

FOURTH TIME LUCKY FOR SAINTS?

SOUTHAMPTON's astonishing improvement in the early months of this season is the talk of football on the South Coast. Around this time last season, Saints were struggling in the First Division relegation zone, 21st in the table in late October and destined to stay in the lower regions until almost Christmas.

Yet just 12 months later, Saints are right up among the Championship challengers. The fourth team Lawrie McMenemy has built in his spell at The Dell has shown immense promise.

After years of employing some of the game's more experienced characters — Kevin Keegan, Mike Channon, Phil Boyer, Ivan Golac, Charlie George and Chris Nicholl — McMenemy has drafted in the kids and been rewarded with the emergence of some fine talent.

This season, the accent has been

on a cunning mixture of young and old, great experience and youthful promise. Whether Saints can stay the course must be doubtful with a long hard season to be played. But there is no disputing the good players in abundance at the club.

Peter Shilton, Mick Mills, David Armstrong, Nick Holmes and Frank Worthington provide the experience; others, such as Steve Moran, Danny Wallace, Mark Wright, Ian Baird and Kenny Armstrong, have the pace.

But McMenemy says: "I don't believe we have the strength in reserve, enough experienced players to come in should we get injuries. When you look at clubs like Liverpool, it's another ball game in that respect."

Frank Worthington arrived at The Dell in the close season from Sunderland, a typical McMenemy deal in seeking out a man of experience to combine with the kids up front.

But big Frank says: "We haven't yet played as well as we can. There is room for improvement throughout the side, but it's very encouraging to get so high in the table when you are not at your peak."

Worthington scored his first goal for Saints against Wolves in early October — the win which put Southampton second. But he adds: "I think Lawrie wants more

goals from me. I haven't played at my best yet but I'm optimistic I can do so in the near future."



David Armstrong heads home in the 3-0 home defeat of Manchester United.

Championship-winning season they set a Third Division record of conceding only 21 goals in 42 League matches.

4 At the end of their first season in the Second Division they had one of the most remarkable records of consistency ever created. They finished in 11th position — exactly halfway — with 42 points from 42 games, of which they had won 14, lost 14 and drawn 14. Saints scored 40 goals and conceded 40 goals! These uncanny figures are never likely to be repeated.

5 Southampton full-back Fred Titmuss was one of the few players capped by England while still a Third Division player. Saints later provided another England full-back — Alf Ramsey, who was a favourite at The Dell before moving to Spurs.

6 During a Wartime air raid on Southampton, a German bomb opened an 18-foot crater in the middle of the pitch and flooded The Dell. Saints had to play their home matches at Portsmouth's Fratton Park until the damage was repaired.

7 George Reader, a Southampton player in the 1920s, became chairman of the club after a long spell as one of the League's most respected referees. He was in charge of the 1950 World Cup deciding match between Brazil and Uruguay which was watched by a world record crowd of 200,000.

8 Ted Bates has served the club in virtually every capacity since joining Southampton as a young player in 1937. He has been club captain, trainer, coach, chief scout, manager and is now a director.

9 Southampton beat Leeds 5-4 in a remarkable League Cup tie at The Dell in December, 1960. Derek Reeves scored all five of Southampton's goals, his winner coming in the last minute of a match that lasted 160 minutes because of a power failure.

10 Terry Paine played what was a British record 713 League games for Southampton between 1956 and 1974. Mike Channon is the club's most-capped player, collecting 46 England caps — all but one of them while with Southampton.



The Captain... **Steve Williams** **PASS MASTER**

SAINTS captain Steve Williams at last made the England international team on the summer tour of Australia.

Williams, who has been knocking at the senior England door for several seasons, played against Australia in Sydney and then came on as substitute for the second game, in Brisbane.

But Williams doesn't feel he did himself justice — and being excluded from England's important European Championship qualifying ties has left him sitting on the sidelines in frustration.

Manager Lawrie McMenemy continues to press Williams' international claims. And he makes one very sound point. "If you are going to play players like Francis and Barnes up front for their pace, you must give them early balls and there is no one better at doing that than Williams."

That has been Saints' strength this season. The new centre-back pairing of Mark Wright and Ken Armstrong, supplemented by Rueben Abgoola and Mick Mills, have effectively barred the way to England goalkeeper Peter Shilton. And Saints have broken upfield quickly, utilising the speed of Wallace and Moran.

Williams, as the link man, is the key in that plan. His long passes upfield and across the park, have played a crucial role in Southampton's success.

England boss Bobby Robson admitted: "I seriously considered Williams for the match in Hungary." But Robson felt it wasn't the time or place to blood inexperienced players — and Williams again had to sit and wait.



SOUTHAM

BACK ROW (left to right): Danny Wallace, Reuben Agboola, Martin Foyle, Dennis Rofe, Steve Baker.

MIDDLE ROW: Lew Chatterley (coach), Mick Mills, Malcolm Waldron (now Burnley), Alistair Sperring, Peter Shilton, Ken Armstrong, Ian Baird, John Mortimore (asst. manager).

FRONT ROW: Steve Moran, Frank Worthington, Nick Holmes, Lawrie McMenemy (manager), Steve Williams, Mark Wright, David Armstrong.



Steve Williams



LAST SEASON'S RECORD

LEAGUE:
PL42 W15 D12 L15 F54 A58 Pts57 Pos12th

F.A. CUP:

Tottenham (a) 0-1

MILK CUP

Colchester (a) 0-0

Colchester (h) 4-2 (Wallace, Cassells, Armstrong, Moran)

Man. City (a) 1-1 (Wright)

Man. City (h) 4-0 (Ranson (og), Moran, Puckett, Holmes)

Man. Utd (a) 0-2

UEFA CUP

Norrkoping (h) 2-2 (Williams, Wright)

Norrkoping (a) 0-0

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1921-22.

Third Division winners: 1959-60.

F.A. Cup winners: 1976 (right).



SOUTHAMPTON



ABOVE: Danny Wallace
BELOW: Peter Shilton



Most League goals: Mike Channon — 182
(1966-67, 1979-82)
Most League appearances: Terry Paine — 713
(1956-74)
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £600,000 to
Middlesbrough for David Armstrong in August,
1981
Record Transfer Fee Received: £300,000 from
Man. City for Mike Channon in July, 1977.
Most League goals in a season: Derek Reeves
— 39 (Div 3 1959-60)
Most capped player: Mike Channon — 45 of his
46 caps for England while at Southampton.



SHOOT!

A MANAGEMENT

upheaval robbed Jim Tolmie of an instant passport to European football and a place in the Scottish Premier Division with Celtic!

Tolmie, isolated in Belgium with SK Lokeren where he had spent an unhappy couple of years, was brought back to British football by Billy McNeill.

As Tolmie explains: "Billy watched me play for Lokeren when he was still Celtic's manager and I assumed that if he bought me, I'd go there. Little did I realise he'd switch management jobs and I'd be going to the English Second Division and Manchester City."

But Tolmie, still only 22 despite a few seasons with Morton before going to Belgium, is delighted at the way the football merry-go-round has worked out. He says: "It has been marvellous to come to a club as big as Manchester City and to work for McNeill."

"I really don't think City could have chosen a better man to lead them back to the First Division. And the signing of Jimmy Frizzell as his assistant was also astute because he knows so much about the English League scene. Together, they make a cracking partnership."

Tolmie scored six goals in his first few games for City, a roaring start to the season. Yet the Scot says: "I honestly believe I'm a better player outside the box, than in it."

"I've played most of my football in the midfield area although I operated just behind the front two men at Morton. If I end up with 15 goals this season I shall be very happy."

"The players at Lokeren didn't talk to me for the first six months, it was terrible. I lost all confidence in myself and played only about 25 games in two years. I felt my career was slipping away and badly wanted to get back to Britain to revive it."

"I've chosen the right place to do it."

MAN. CITY - NOT CELTIC!

Tolmie's signing shock



Jim Tolmie slams City's second goal against Grimsby at Maine Road.

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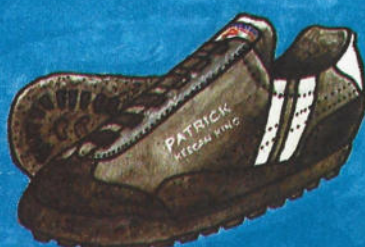
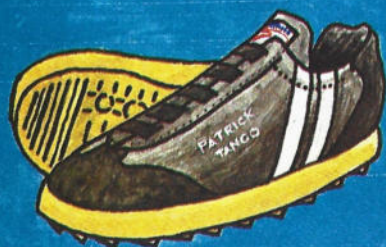
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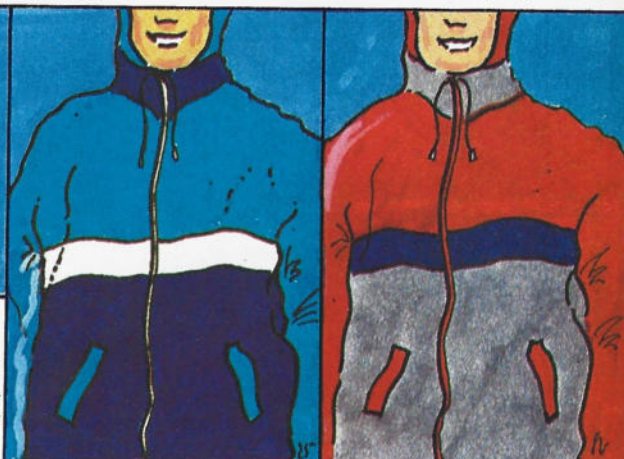
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Willie Miller, captain of Scotland. Sounds good, doesn't it?

There's no doubt that leading my country in the recent European Championship match against Belgium was my proudest moment in football.

It was my 29th cap and my second as skipper, the first being in Canada during the summer tour. But I'm sure you'll understand the difference between a close season friendly and a big game in front of our own fans at Hampden.

I can't deny it crossed my mind that I might be made skipper when Graeme Souness was forced to withdraw from the squad through injury. But when Jock Stein gave me the news it was still a tremendous thrill.

Because we were already ruled out of next year's Finals in France,

STAR WRITER WILLIE MILLER

With a little more luck in front of goal we might well have added to the goal scored by Charlie Nicholas and picked up both points.

Being a Glasgow lad, I wasn't short of personal support at Hampden and it was nice to be surrounded by so many members of my family to help me share my proudest moment.

Even if I never get the job again I'll remember the Belgium game as THE highlight of my career. And if Mr Stein wants me to continue in the role he knows he won't have to

ask twice!

For more than ten years now, my main priority has been preventing goals in my role as a central defender.



Captain of Scotland—NO GREATER GLORY!

some people might think it was a "nothing at stake" affair against the Belgians. But no one in the Scottish camp looked at it that way.

Okay, the European Championship has come and gone as far as we're concerned but everything we do now is geared towards the next World Cup and everyone in the squad is literally playing for a place.

And our performance proved that. We battled hard and thoroughly deserved the 1-1 draw, particularly as the Belgians had a 100 per cent record before Hampden.

But it will probably come as quite a shock to most **Shoot** readers to learn that I actually joined Aberdeen as a striker!

The club spotted me playing for Eastercraigs, a Glasgow youth side, and during my first season in the North they loaned me out to Highland League side Peterhead, for whom I seem to recall scoring more than 20 goals.

I was called back to Pittodrie after just one year to play up front for the reserves but midway through that season came the turning point in my career.

Let's get one thing straight—I wasn't in the Kenny Dalglish class as a striker. So when the club had some injury problems at the back and I was nominated as a stand-in defender I was grateful for the chance to prove myself in a new role.

The reason I mention this is that within a few weeks of the season starting I had managed to score three goals for Aberdeen—and that's usually my sum total for an entire campaign.

Basically, it can be put down to a slight change in tactics. When we've been awarded corners in the past, I have tended to stay back and let our big defenders Alex McLeish and Doug Rougvie venture upfield in search of a goal.

Encouraged

But now I join them in the opposition penalty-area while a midfielder and a full-back provide the cover in defence. And the boss has also encouraged me to push up for set pieces.

The odd goal here and there will do no harm, of course, as we continue through the season trying to fight off the likes of Celtic and Dundee United for the League Championship.

That's still our number one target and although a number of people have not been slow to criticise some of our displays this season I think we've actually done better than in previous years.

We're notoriously slow starters at Aberdeen and it's nothing strange for us to take time to get into our stride. But at the same time, we have been concerned by our lack of consistency although there is certainly no panic at Pittodrie.

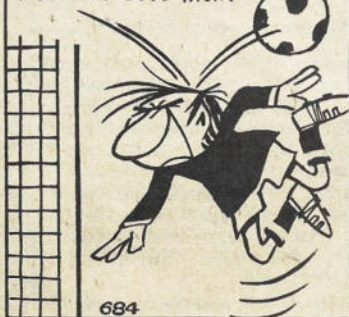
Manager Alex Ferguson has given us a couple of verbal roastings to keep us on our toes but I think he appreciates that as the European Cup-Winners' Cup-holders our form is being more closely examined than ever before.

NOBBY

I SEEM TO HAVE HIT A BAD PATCH



ONE OF THOSE PERIODS WHEN NOTHING GOES RIGHT



AND YET THREE MONTHS AGO I COULDN'T PUT A FOOT WRONG



NONE OF US COULD, STUPID IT WAS JULY!



REUBEN THE ROCK

REUBEN AGBOOLA may not exactly sound like a future England star, but Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy is pushing his young coloured defender for international recognition.

Reveals Saints boss: "Reuben is too short to play in the central defensive role, but as a sweeper behind Mark Wright and Kenny Armstrong he's doing a great job."

"He is one of the reasons why our defensive record this season has been so good."

Everton chase Archibald

EVERTON are prepared to make the first big transfer signing of the season by swooping for Tottenham's unsettled striker Steve Archibald.

Everton boss Howard Kendall, disappointed by his side's mediocre start, sees the Scottish international striker as the man to solve his problems in front of goal.

Kendall drove all the way down to London for Tottenham's Milk Cup clash with Lincoln, in which Archibald scored for the fourth successive game, and is now trying to raise the £450,000 asking price.



BY MARK IRWIN

A NICE GESTURE by Iceland manager Johannes Atlason, who bowed out of international football with the 3-0 defeat by Eire last month.

After the game, Atlason invited Eire manager Eoin Hand and captain Tony Grealish to his home in Reykjavik for drinks.

NEIL PILKINGTON, winner of our competition run in conjunction with Centaur Sports, relaxes with West Ham stars Phil Parkes and Paul Goddard during his week's training at the soccer school. Also pictured is young Geraint Williams, winner of Shoot's special trophy for the most improved player.



'LUTON MOVE'

LUTON boss David Pleat has come down firmly in favour of the club moving away from their Kenilworth Road home.

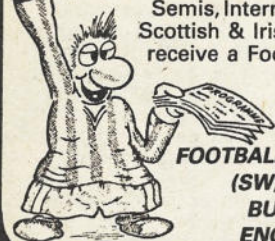
Despite a great deal of local opposition to a move to either Milton Keynes or a new site in Luton, Pleat says: "We've done all we can to get fans to Kenilworth Road. We can do no more."

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SWANSEA'S Welsh international midfielder John Mahoney has been forced to retire because of injury.

Mahoney, who played 51 times for Wales, fractured an ankle in three places in a First Division match against Brighton last March. Swansea have offered the former Crewe, Stoke and Middlesbrough player a job in their commercial department.

Teething troubles

LEICESTER striker Alan Smith is indebted to the skilful dental surgeon at Leicester Royal Infirmary who managed to put back three teeth after they were knocked out in a collision with Stoke's Steve Bould.

"I've had to wear a brace for six weeks, but I'm just relieved that I don't need false teeth," says Steve. "It's ironic, because my girlfriend Penny Schofield was at the game — and she's a dental nurse!"

Not so lucky was Coventry striker Dave Bamber, who's had to have six teeth out in order to combat the mystery blood virus I told you about the other week.

Incidentally, Coventry boss Bobby Gould reckons Bamber's prolonged absence from the team prompted one Third Division manager to ask whether he was available for transfer — after just two games for The Sky Blues!

Hibs switch

IN THE WAKE of mounting pressure from residents of Edinburgh's Easter Road area, the Hibs v. Rangers Premier Division match, which was due to take place on Christmas Eve, has been re-scheduled for December 27.

But similar moves to change the date of the Hibs v. Celtic match have failed and the game will go ahead as originally planned on December 31.

MANCHESTER UNITED and Eire striker Frank Stapleton isn't the only member of the family with an eye for goals. Sister Helena recently scored for Glade Celtic during their Ladies' F.A. Cup Final victory in her native Republic of Ireland.

IPSWICH goalkeeper John Hallworth is the latest winner of the Hawes Cup, awarded to the South East Counties League's Player of the Year.

The first winner, back in 1958, was our very own Jimmy Greaves, at that time in the early stages of a goal-happy career with Chelsea.

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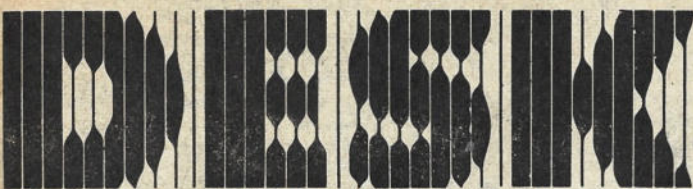
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I-SPY. Aston Villa stars Allan Evans, Peter Withe, Des Bremner, Alan Curbishley and Mark Walters look set for a spot of espionage as they prepare to fly out to Russia for their recent UEFA Cup clash with Spartak Moscow. Actually, the James Bond-type raincoats were given to all members of the Villa party for their European jaunts this season.





TOTTENHAM'S move of making the new club badge and logo copyright has virtually cleared the surrounding streets of souvenir sellers.

Traders must now pay Spurs if they sell any goods with the badge on. A club spokesman said: "We don't want people trading off the club unless they are prepared to put something back in."

"We're pleased to see the back of them. If they do make an appearance, their goods will be taken away and we will prosecute."

MUST - Pleat

petition to keep the club at Kenilworth Road, yet our average crowd is only about 10,000.

"No matter which way you look at it, this is a very poor ground, probably the worst in the First Division. The facilities are terrible and we are losing money every week

"How can we expect to compete with the best in the First Division with such small attendances? In the end, we may have to sell players we need for the continued development of the team, and for that reason I think we must move away from Kenilworth Road."

NOTTINGHAM FOREST are leading the race for the signatures of promising Northern Irish school-boy duo Gerald Taggart and Francis Maguire.



Miller move angers Morton

FOLLOWING Alex Miller's appointment as manager of St. Mirren, the Paisley club could find themselves in trouble with Renfrewshire neighbours Morton.

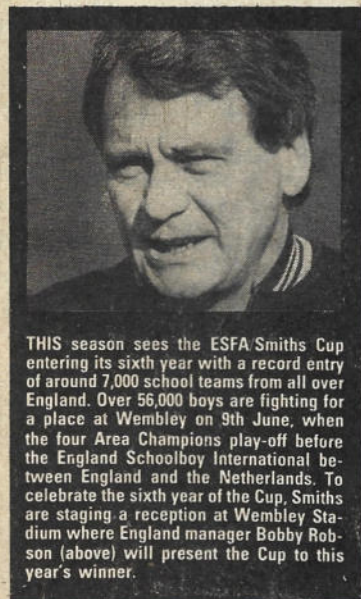
Before moving to Love Street, Miller was player-coach with Morton, and the Cappielow club have retained his registration as a player. And it is reported that it will take £50,000 or a player swap deal to win Miller's release.

There is an interesting precedent for Morton's action. Two years ago, when Peter Cormack left Hibs to take over as manager of Partick Thistle, the Easter Road club took their case to the S.F.A. Thistle were subsequently fined and Cormack was banned from playing for 18 months.

HAMMERS' YOUNG SAINT

THERE could be a few red faces down at The Dell should West Ham's latest apprentice signing make the grade. For The Hammers have just signed teenager Paul McMenemy, nephew of Southampton manager Lawrie!

PARTICK THISTLE, having failed to sign Celtic's Danny Crainie and Hearts' Willie Pettigrew on loan, are hoping for better luck with Rangers' transfer-listed duo Colin McAdam and Gordon Dalziel.



THIS season sees the ESFA Smiths Cup entering its sixth year with a record entry of around 7,000 school teams from all over England. Over 56,000 boys are fighting for a place at Wembley on 9th June, when the four Area Champions play-off before the England Schoolboy International between England and the Netherlands. To celebrate the sixth year of the Cup, Smiths are staging a reception at Wembley Stadium where England manager Bobby Robson (above) will present the Cup to this year's winner.

Transfer talk

ASTON VILLA's transfer-listed midfielder man Andy Blair is the man seen by Leicester as the possible answer to their dreadful start to the season. And Brighton, with money to spend after selling Gary Stevens and Mike Robinson, are interested in Wolves' unsettled striker Mel Eves.

Sick as a 'Budgie'

JOHN BURRIDGE was devastated when Wolves manager Graham Hawkins dropped him for the recent game at Southampton.

The popular goalkeeper said: "I could hardly believe the news. If I had been playing badly I could understand the manager's decision."

"It isn't as if I've made mistakes and I could put in extra training to solve the problem."

"No one trains harder than me in any case and that is why I'm just shattered by recent events."

"After our success last season this was the last thing I expected to happen. This really is a case where I will have to consider my future at the club."



IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Oct 31, 1974: The only case in history of all five countries of the British Isles and Ireland winning full internationals on the same day — England 3, Czechoslovakia 0; Wales 2, Hungary 0; Scotland 3, East Germany 0; Sweden 0, Northern Ireland 2; Eire 3, Russia 0.

Nov 1, 1949: Manchester United become the first Football League club in history to report a £50,000 profit (£50,810) on a season.

Nov 1, 1973: Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, following their Derby County controversial experiences, team up again at Brighton and Hove Albion.

Nov 1, 1973: Frank O'Farrell (below), who had been sacked by Manchester United in the previous December, is paid a golden handshake, after a legal battle, said to have been £50,000.



Nov 2, 1962: John Charles is transferred to Roma for £70,000 by Leeds United 93 days after they had paid Juventus £53,000 to bring him back to England.

Nov 2, 1973: Russell Allen helps Tranmere Rovers win a Third Division match 3-0 against Walsall, whose manager was his father, Ronnie Allen.

Nov 2, 1977: Arsenal pay Wolves £240,000 for Alan Sunderland, and Leeds United £175,000 to Burnley for Brian Flynn.

Nov 3, 1956: A Second Division match between Bristol Rovers and Lincoln City requires a change of referee because Denis Howell, the appointed official, had to withdraw to attend a special sitting of Parliament in his capacity as a Birmingham M.P.

THE CARRROW ROAD RUNNER

ONE of the main reasons for Norwich City's late-season escape from relegation and impressive form this term has been the emergence of former striker John Deehan as a quality midfield man with England ambitions.

Now, with the departure of former Canaries skipper Martin O'Neill to Notts County, Deehan is seeking to turn his high ambitions into reality and help push Norwich up the table and into the race for Europe.

The former Villa and WBA striker, still only 26, believes that the new-look Norwich line-up should be good enough to do much more than ensure a season free of relegation worries.

And he admits that the disappointment he suffered last summer when club-mate Mark Barham was chosen for the England tour of Australia and he was not has spurred him on even more this season.

He said: "Towards the end of last season I thought I had a real chance of making the Australia trip and quite a few of the Norwich lads seemed to think so, too."

"Everyone was saying that certain players were not going to

be available and that there was a good chance for others.

"Bobby Robson came up to watch us a few times at Norwich and I was really quite hopeful. But I didn't get picked in the end, even though I would have walked all the way out there if I had been given half a chance of a game for England.

"It is one of everyone's biggest ambitions in football and I really believed I was playing well enough to get a chance."

The fact that that disappointment is so deeply felt by Deehan helps explain just how successfully he has switched from centre-forward to the centre of midfield.

But the lucky switch that has

landed him with his England ambitions came as something of a surprise when it arrived out of the blue last Spring. In fact it was the unexpected silver lining to a two-game suspension!



At that time Mike Channon had arrived up front for Norwich to partner Keith Bertschin. Deehan's place was not a foregone conclusion on his return.

But when he came back, it was into a midfield with O'Neill, Dave Bennett and Peter Mendham instead of up front where everyone had expected to see him.

Deehan quite clearly has the potential to challenge for a spot in the England squad.

He said: "I picked up a few Under-21 caps, but there are a lot of very good midfield players around and I know it is going to be difficult. But I need to have the ambition to keep going."

"After all, it is not quite a completely strange position to me. Ron Atkinson always said he did not think my career would be up front — where I played for England teams — and he gave me a run on the right side of midfield at West Brom.

"At Norwich I have also played at centre-half as well as up front in my time before going into midfield, so I've proved my versatility."

'Offer'

"And with the young side we now have at Norwich, I think I have got more to offer in midfield, especially since the departure of Martin O'Neill, who was one of the best 'talkers' in the game and a really inspirational player."

"I'm the senior man in midfield now and I'm also responsible for getting into the box for a few goals with late runs. So far, I've been quite lucky."

"Normally, I like to wait to see if Mark Barham beats his man first. If he does then I go into the area as fast as I can... it is no problem to me to do all the extra running."

"I've always been a 90-minute man. I learnt all about that from my previous managers who like a lot of hard work. Ron Saunders and Ron Atkinson both taught me a lot that has put me in good stead."

"In fact this season we think we can do something here at Norwich. We have had a reasonable start and we have a good squad with plenty of good youngsters breathing down our necks from the winning F.A. Youth Cup team."

"I certainly know that I shall have to keep my form in midfield to retain my place and keep my England hopes alive."

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(b) Pronounce his name from a card you prepared before the match?
(c) Invent "Woji" as an instant nickname?
(d) Pretend the substitution never happened?

2 Your monitor breaks down so you are commenting "blind", without knowing which incidents are on the screen. Would you ...
(a) Confine your comments to the man on the ball?
(b) Commentate as if you're on radio so that you don't miss a thing?
(c) Switch off your mike and pretend that's broken too?
(d) Talk only when there's a positive piece of play?

3 The camera misses a vital incident off the ball which leads to a goal. Would you ...
(a) Tell the director he should go back to directing traffic?
(b) Apologise to viewers and identify the goalscorer?
(c) Describe to viewers exactly what happened off the ball?
(d) Identify the goalscorer and ignore the incident?

4 A fan throws a stink bomb into your commentary box during a match. Would you ...
(a) Carry on commenting as if nothing had happened?
(b) Kick up a stink?
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(d) Continue the commentary

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5 The team you've supported since you were at school concede a disputed F.A. Cup Final goal while you're commenting. Would you ...
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(b) Describe the goal just like you would any other?
(c) Throw your mike at the referee?
(d) Study the action replay and then give an honest verdict on the goal?

6 You are about to make your debut as a TV commentator when the camera crew go on strike because of a pay dispute. Would you ...
(a) Go through with a 'dummy' commentary just for practice?
(b) Strike the nearest cameraman with your microphone?
(c) Come out in sympathy with

the cameramen?
(d) Shrug it off and wait for the next opportunity?

7 A manager complains to the League that your commentaries are biased against his team. Would you ...
(a) Carry on commenting to the best of your ability?
(b) Try even harder to be objective and detached when commenting?
(c) Complain that the manager is biased against your commentaries?
(d) Send the manager a Get Well Soon card?

8 Your co-commentator is a loud-mouthed former player who is after your job. Would you ...
(a) Give him a doctored toffee that will glue his teeth together?
(b) Hog the mike so that he can hardly get a word in?
(c) Take every opportunity to prove his views wrong?
(d) Commentate in your usual

style and without showing your feelings?

9 Your attention is distracted during a match commentary and you miss a vital goal. Would you ...

- (a) Waffle until you can get a good look at an action replay?
- (b) Admit that you missed the goal?
- (c) Start writing job applications?
- (d) Signal to a colleague to quietly tell you what happened?

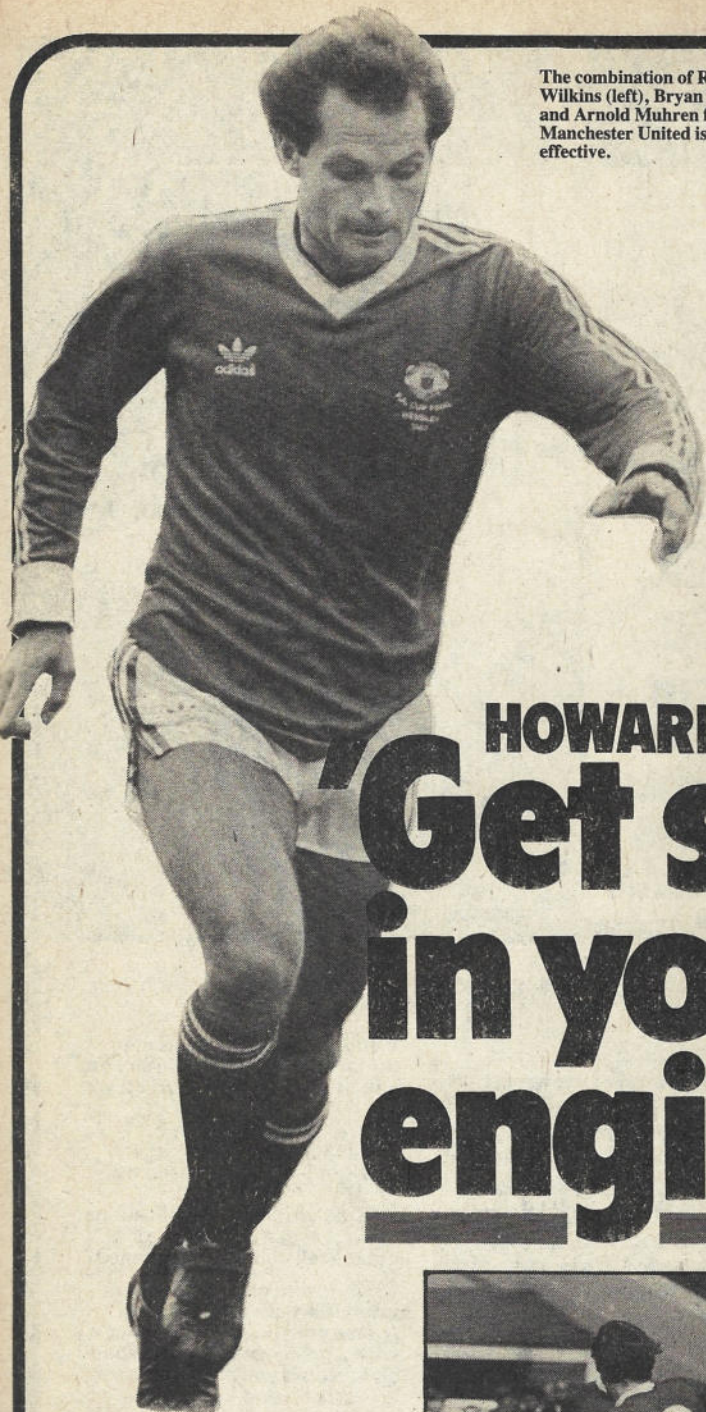
10 During an after-match interview with a player, you realise you have credited him with a goal scored by somebody else. Would you ...

- (a) Carry on and hope that nobody noticed?
- (b) Admit you were wrong and correct yourself at the end of the interview?
- (c) Make a joke about it during the interview and then give the correct scorer?
- (d) Make an appointment at the opticians?

CHECK YOUR TV RATINGS

If your score is 45 or more, John Motson and Brian Moore had better watch out!
If your score is between 30 and 44, you could one day make it as the man at the mike provided you're prepared to really work at it.
Less than 30: Never mind. How about a career as a TV comedian?

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The combination of Ray Wilkins (left), Bryan Robson and Arnold Muhren for Manchester United is very effective.



HOWARD KENDALL SAYS: "Get steam in your engine room!"

EVERTON manager Howard Kendall, one-third of that famous midfield trio with Alan Ball and Colin Harvey which helped Everton to win the 1970 League Championship, believes midfield domination is the key to success.

"Before a game I will tell my midfield players to dominate. If they can do that, the rest of the side will tick," says Kendall.

"Midfield is a complex position. Each player, whether he be part of a midfield two, three or four, has special attributes, but each should possess the ability to attack and defend. You must get steam in your engine room!"

"The great midfielders are those who are able to harness all the qualities — attacking flair, ball-winning ability and defensive awareness. Obviously, not all midfielders possess qualities to the same degree. It is the job of a



Billy Bremner, with Johnny Giles, was a major reason for the Leeds United success story of the late 60's and early 70's.

manager to find the right blend and balance these attributes in his midfield."

The great strength of that Kendall, Ball and Harvey combination was that they were all such complete players. They had sound passing ability, good work rate and also scored their share of goals.

"Bally was incredible," recalls

Kendall. "One minute he would win the ball in defence, the next he would be in the opposition's penalty-area. Colin had great vision and the three of us just seemed to complement one another perfectly."

Probably the most effective midfield unit in the game at the moment is the Manchester United trio of Ray Wilkins, Bryan Robson

and Arnold Muhren. But how do they compare with that Everton threesome of over a decade ago?

"It is very difficult to make comparisons," says Kendall.

"They are all quality players, but I think our unit may have been more complete. Only Bryan Robson possesses all the attributes found in the old-fashioned wing-half. He wins the ball, distributes it well and gets amongst the goals.

"Arnold Muhren is fine going forward but there are question marks about his defensive capabilities and Ray Wilkins just does not score enough for my liking.

"For my money the best midfield combination was that of Danny Blanchflower, Dave Mackay and John White, in the great Tottenham double-winning side of 1960-61. Although they weren't 'midfielders' as such — Mackay and Blanchflower were wing-halves and White was an inside-forward — the modern game has merged those two roles into that of midfield. They would still be a formidable unit today."

You only have to look down the list of recent successful sides to detect a pattern common to them all — a strong midfield.

The immensely successful Leeds United side of the late 60's and early 70's was kept ticking by the imaginative skills of Johnny Giles and unceasing work rate of Billy Bremner.

Liverpool's success over recent years has been based on the solid foundation of a strong midfield.

Jimmy Case's work-rate, the arrogant skill of Graeme Souness and Ray Kennedy and the tremendous running of Terry McDermott were largely responsible for their European and domestic success between 1977 and 1981.

Souness, Sammy Lee, Kenny Dalglish and Ronnie Whelan continue that tradition.

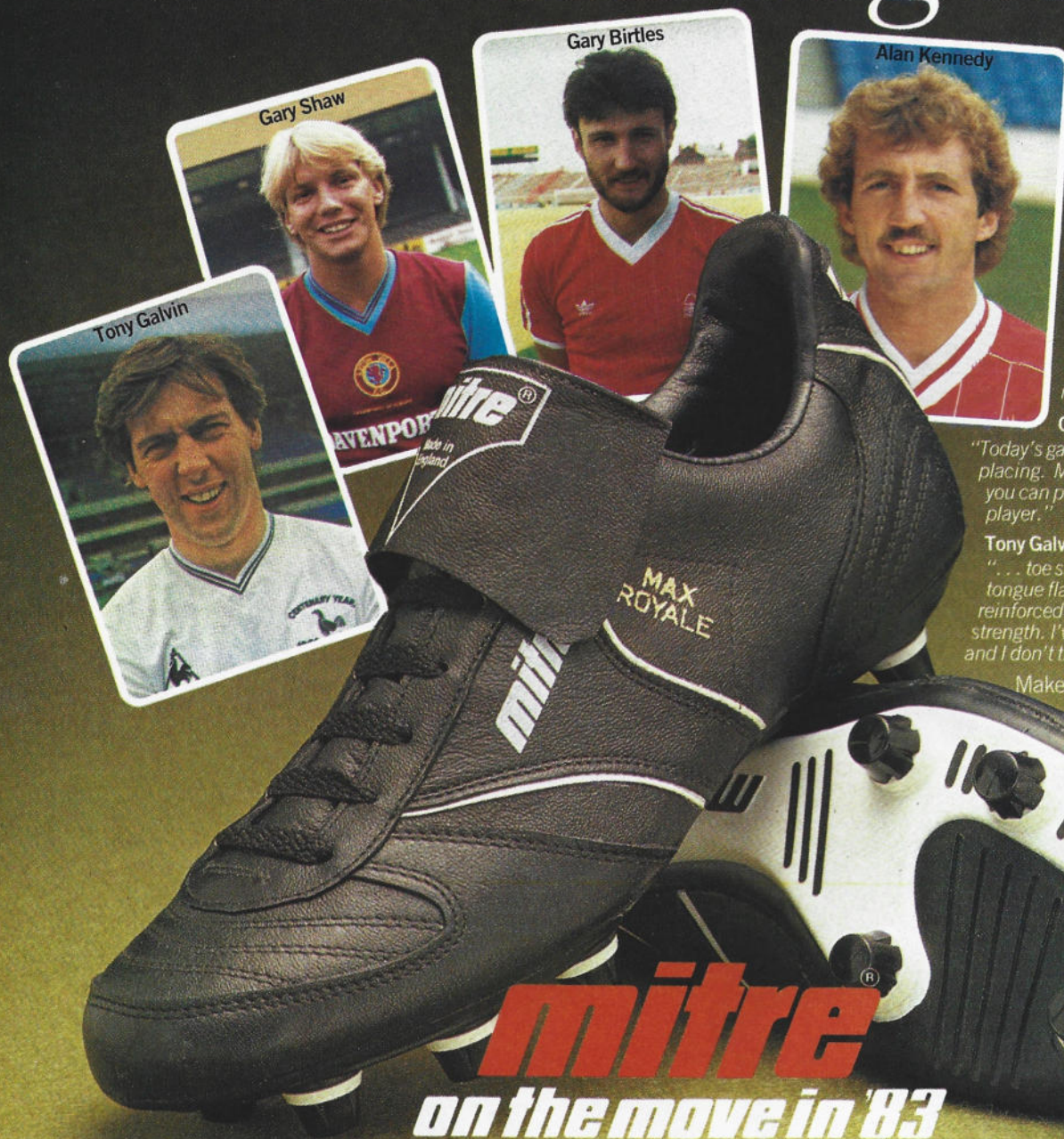
The tremendous Ipswich side, which won the UEFA Cup and were Championship runners-up in 1980-81 revolved round the varying midfield talents of John Wark, Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren.

Kendall feels, however, that at the moment apart from the Robson, Muhren and Wilkins combination, there are few exceptional units around. Clubs may have one outstanding midfielder, while the rest play a supporting role.

What is Kendall's view on the biggest midfield enigma in today's game Glenn Hoddle?

"Hoddle is a tremendously talented player. Certainly he does fall short in certain areas, but his skill is such that he can turn a game single-handed. I think if he is to be used for England, then the rest of the midfield should be built around him."

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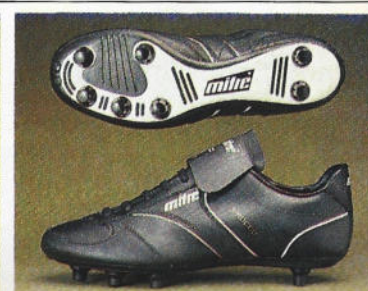
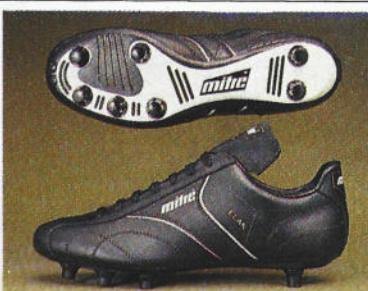
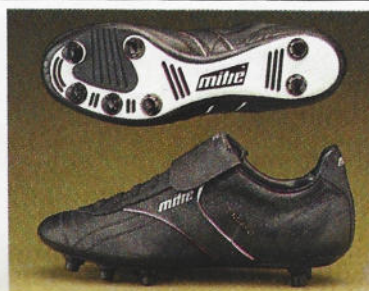
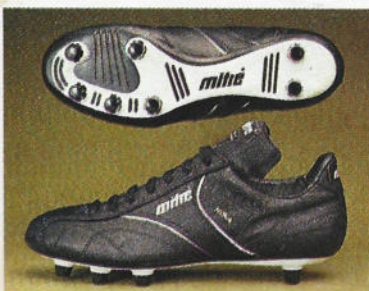
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Hoddle's night of glory

With a brilliantly curled free-kick, Hoddle fires England into an early lead.



INSPIRED by Glenn Hoddle, England's 3-0 win in the Hungarian capital at least restored faith in the national side. Sadly, it almost certainly came too late to book a place in the European Championship Finals in France next year.

ENGLAND'S LATE, LATE SHOW



The delighted Spurs midfield star milks the applause.

Skipper Bryan Robson bursts through the overworked Hungarian defence.





The victorious England team.
 BACK ROW (left to right): Peter Shilton, Glenn Hoddle, Kenny Sansom, Peter Withe (sub for Luther Blissett), Alvin Martin.
 FRONT ROW: Sammy Lee, John Gregory, Bryan Robson, Gary Mabbutt, Terry Butcher, Paul Mariner.



Left: Sammy Lee celebrates his brilliant goal with Gary Mabbutt.



Below: Luther Blissett is foiled by a desperate last-ditch tackle.

**Flashback
MAGIC**

**SMITH'S
WINNER**



Date: Saturday,
March 18, 1978.
Match: Scottish
League Cup
Final, Celtic v
Rangers.
Venue: Hampden
Park,
Glasgow.

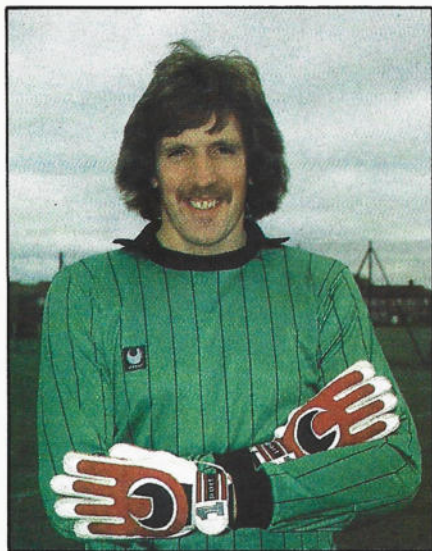
Davie Cooper fires
Rangers' first goal as
the Ibrox team beat
their Celtic rivals 2-1.
Derek Johnstone is
the man leaping over
the ball. Johannes
Edvaldsson kept Celtic
in the game, but
Gordon Smith settled
the Old Firm Final
with an extra-time
winner in front of a
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LIVERPOOL Football Club, to everyone outside Anfield, appears to be shrouded in a cloak of mystery and subject to all kinds of imagination.

I've heard and read that we have a unique training system, that we have some special secret to our style of play, that our way differs completely from the methods adopted by other League clubs.

The truth is that Liverpool have got it right, at all levels. It's hard work and application, discipline

and dedication to your profession, consideration for the fans and their needs.

I've been asked so many times: "How do you keep going, how do you maintain your level of success?" Well, perhaps if I take you behind the scenes at Anfield as we go through a typical working week, you will have a better idea of what our club is all about.

SUNDAY: A day with my family — my wife Marina and our children. I relax, watch television, read the papers, play with the kids, perhaps we go out for the afternoon.

It's time to wind down and get ready for the start of another week.

Anfield ~ Behind closed doors

If I have a knock I report to Anfield for treatment, accepting that I have already been treated immediately after Saturday's game.

MONDAY: Arrive at Anfield at 10am, meet the rest of the lads, board a club coach and drive to our training ground at Melwood to begin work at 10.30.

Ronnie Moran and Roy Evans get us loosened up with light exercises, stretches and general work to ensure we do not strain muscles once we get down to the harder work.

The lads will laugh and joke amongst themselves, perhaps at the expense of each other or something they have read the day before in the papers. But we work hard at the same time.

Then we play two or three games of seven-a-side, and finish about 12.30, getting back to Anfield at 1pm.

If we have a game the following night we may have to get ready to travel later in the afternoon, depending on how far we are going.

TUESDAY: If there is no game we repeat the 10.00 arrival and coach

Bruce Grobbelaar and Craig Johnston are always winding each other up.



Joe Fagan prefers to stay in the background.

trip to Melwood and again go through those important warm-up exercises. Joe Fagan, the boss, oversees all of this.

Then the first team squad splits away from the reserves and we do the punishing speed work, sprints, shuttles and such. Then a six-a-side game followed by more running work, another game and so on until we break for lunch.

Afterwards we work on set-

pieces, getting little aspects of our play sharpened up if the boss reckons it's necessary.

WEDNESDAY: A day off if we don't have a game. If we do, as is often the case at Liverpool, we meet at Anfield and have a meeting at 10.30.

The boss talks about the job in hand and names his line-up for the night. Joe Fagan is a warm and open man, but he is also demanding of his players and stands no nonsense. He prefers to stay in the background — as did Bob Paisley — and let the side do the talking for him.

We are all encouraged to chip in to the team talks. We remind ourselves of our jobs, responsibilities and recap on things that may have gone wrong in the previous game. No excuses, no rows. Just straight talking and fairness.

I've been there when Joe Fagan adopted a serious look and started discussing the opposition: "Well lads, I advise you to watch their throw-ins because they tend to throw them forwards or back!" Then he smiled and added: "That's enough about them. Now let's talk about us."

We break for lunch and don't report back to the ground until about 6.15 for a 7.30 kick-off. Naturally, if we are away we will have to set out that morning or even the day before.

Bruises

THURSDAY: After a game it's usually a day off. But we report in for a bath and a general check on knocks and bruises. Nothing is left to chance.

Bruce Grobbelaar will pull Craig Johnston's leg about his interest in photography — then perhaps I'll pounce on Bruce about his collection of South African trophies such as his sword, skins and pelts.

We have a squad of lads at Liverpool who can all crack, and take, a joke. They are all pretty sharp when it comes to humour and that makes for a great atmosphere.

FRIDAY: Ground, Melwood, five-a-side game, sometimes Joe Fagan joins in — then we meet to discuss the Saturday game. The boss names his side. Delight for the selected, disappointment for those left out.

SATURDAY: Away games usually mean an early start in the morning or leaving the day before. But for home games we turn up at the ground about one and a quarter hours before the kick-off.

The boss gives us a brief chat, reminder of our job in hand and we then set about it.

After a game we have a drink, meet family and friends, sign autographs, maybe go out for a meal. Then it's time to put that game behind us and begin thinking about the next one!

Kenny Dalglish



MARADONA FINISHED?

HEPATITIS laid him up for three months . . . he has sciatica and the spine of a 50-year-old . . . a two-hour operation has rejoined his ankle tendons, but there are doubts that he will never be as good a player as he was.

A player approaching the end of his career? No! I'm talking about the man who is supposed to be the best footballer in the world — Diego Maradona.

At 23 years of age the young Argentinian is a battle-scarred veteran, a player with about 200 League games to his credit already because he was given his League debut for Argentinos Juniors at the age of 15.

The tackle by Athletic Bilbao's Andoni Goicoechea that earned the so-called 'defender' an 18-match League ban, subsequently reduced to ten games, has ensured that Maradona will not kick a ball again until the New Year.

But the fear is that Maradona may not be as good when he comes back as he was when he was ruthlessly chopped down, once too often.

Apparent

In an age of limited individual talent, it is becoming all too apparent why the truly gifted player is being talked of in the past tense. In the climate of today I doubt if Pele, Cruyff, Best or the earlier greats would last two full seasons without calipers.

Maradona is almost alone of his kind — confident, skilful, dangerous and prepared to assert his authority on a crowd and a game.

He plays a strong game and is being met with brute force when,

as is usually the case, the opposition is incapable of matching him.

Maradona does not rate alongside these greats. But he is about the best thing the modern game has got in their place. However, at the current rate he will be remembered as a gifted nearly-man unless the thugs-in-boots are hit and hit hard — all the way out of football.

Already it is clear that Maradona is not repaying Barcelona in terms of what matters most — appearances.

While his early career showed a high number of League appearances, his overall total in eight years is only 246 games in all competitions, an average of only 31 per season.

Barcelona paid eight million dollars for him, spread over six years. They lost him for six months out of his first two seasons, and judging from this latest injury, Barcelona will be lucky to get more than 30 games out of him this season.

To date he has cost the Catalan club more than £36,000 per appearance!

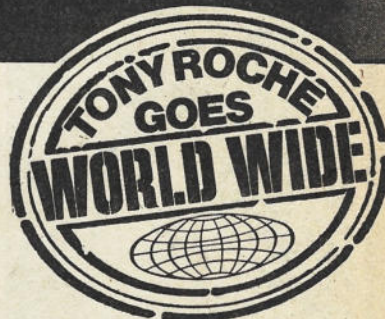
We don't have many players of his potential in the modern game. But like so many other top-class performers such as Schuster — another of Goicoechea's victims — Stielike, Arnesen, Rummenigge and Cunningham, his professional life-span is being limited and threatened by gangsters with only



a fraction of his talent.

I don't know, in realistic terms, the value of the following observation, but if it hits home somewhere then it's worth it — I condemn these cowards, thugs and talentless destroyers of all that makes football the most exciting game in the world.

If the authorities are not very careful the game will be populated by hard, fast, mediocre kickers with years of semi-playing at their disposal, and empty grounds in which to display their 'talent'.



REPRISALS

TUNISIA'S failure in the Mediterranean Games, where they were knocked out by Turkey, and their exit from the African Nations Cup, courtesy of Egypt, has led to surprisingly severe reprisals.

The Federal Bureau of the Tunisian Football Federation barred four players, including national skipper Tarek Dhiab (right) for misbehaviour on the pitch.

PORTUGAL PURGE

PORTUGAL is fast becoming the worst country in Europe to work as a manager. Of the 16 First Division clubs, only five have the

same manager this season as they had during the last.

The survivors of the 'summer purge' are Sven Goran Eriksson of Benfica, Jose Maria Pedroto of Porto, Jose Torres of Varzim, Manuel Oliveira of Guimaraes and Carolino of Espinho.

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ATHLETIC Bilbao of Spain showed the kinder side of the game last week when the club's players, each of whom received a £950 bonus for beating Lech Posnan in the European Cup, donated all the cash to the Basque Flood Relief Fund.

SHOCK FOR AMERICA

FIFA's decision to limit CONCACAF to one qualifying team in the 1986 World Cup, compared with the two they were allowed last year, was greeted with abject horror in the United States.

The new-style draw, no longer based on geography, means that the States must play in war-torn El Salvador. They also play Puerto Rico, both home and away.

And Canada will be equally dismayed to discover that their national side must go to another South American 'hot-spot', Guatemala. Their other opponents are Netherlands Antilles.

The top two teams from each group will play a second round and the winners of those groups will play-off for a place in Mexico.



But just when that bombshell had struck, the Government decided to take the matter further... and suspended the international team altogether for what they described as: "Lack of spirit and enthusiasm."

They tell me...

● Uli Stielike, Real Madrid's West German international, is struggling to overcome a thigh muscle injury that has hampered him for seven months. Stielike signed a two-year contract worth more than £100,000 per year, but has offered to tear it up if his injury does not heal. Real have turned down his generous offer, preferring to get the gifted 28-year-old back in their line-up.

● Rudolf Krause has resigned as East Germany's national coach after 18 unsuccessful months. No new appointment appears likely for a while and in the meantime the side will be selected by a three-man committee of club managers.

● Michel Platini of Juventus and France is supplementing his meagre £200,000 a year salary with the Italian side by doing television

AROUND THE LEAGUES

FAMILIAR names abound as the leaders of the various national Leagues emerge with the season in full swing. **Bordeaux** and **Monaco** are setting a fair pace in the French League, challenged by shock early leaders **Auxerre**. But the once mighty **St Etienne** languish down among the tail-enders.

The Austrian League has **Austria Vienna**, **Sturm Graz** and **Rapid** showing excellent early form at the top, while in Bulgaria it's **CSKA** out front, chased by **Levski Spartak** and **Sliven**.

Beveren were last seen leading the Belgian First Division, with **Seraing** second and the always dangerous **Anderlecht** third.

Bayern Munich (right) are smack back on form at the head of the Bundesliga, chased by European Champions **Hamburg** and **Stuttgart**. But **Eintracht Frankfurt** are currently rock bottom after a terrible start.

Over the wall, the East German League is led by **FC Magdeburg** with **Dynamo Berlin** and **Dynamo Dresden** in hot pursuit.

Panathinaikos lead in Greece, followed by **PAOK** and **Iraklis**, while **Hajduk Split**, **Rijeka** and **Velez** are the dominant trio in Yugoslavia.

Portugal's top dogs are **Porto**, followed by **Sporting**



Lisbon and **Benfica** and **Atletico Madrid** and **Barcelona** have the edge in Spain.

Ajax and **Feyenoord**, those world-famous rivals, are charging ahead in Holland with **PSV Eindhoven** close behind.

Honved and **Tatabanya** are Hungary's leaders and **Grasshoppers** are top of the Swiss League, ahead of **Servette** and **Sion**.

COSTLY DEFEAT

REAL Madrid's shock exit from the UEFA Cup at the hands of **Sparta Prague** cost the club £300,000 because Real's budget for the season counted on £450,000 from their involvement in Europe.

LORENZO ALIVE, AND KICKING!

REMEMBER Juan Carlos Lorenzo? Oh come now, who can forget the man whose managerial ethics produced such cultured stylists as Lazio, Racing of Argentina, Atletico Madrid and Boca Juniors?

Arsenal fans will have 'warm' memories of Lorenzo's Lazio who almost turned Rome into a battleground after an infamous Inter-Cities Fairs Cup tie in 1970.

And I reckon most Celtic fans will recall the delicate skills of Racing who kicked, tripped, punched and spat their way to the World Club Championship over three infamous games in 1968.

Then they were treated to Lorenzo's Atletico Madrid, whose players disgraced the game at Parkhead in a European Cup tie in 1974.

Boca Juniors did little to enlighten the game's followers during this man's reign in his homeland... then he seemed to sink below ground level, much to the relief of anyone who holds football dear.

That is until last week when I noticed that Atlanta, in the Argentine Second Division, were in the news because their manager's behaviour earned him a red card.

Juan Carlos Lorenzo, you are nothing if not consistent!

HOT LINE

GENOVA president Mario Mantovani is having problems with the Italian Taxman and, I'm told, fled when things became hotter than anticipated.

But he is still club president and although never seen at games, keeps in touch via an open telephone line for every 90 minutes.

FREE-FALL

SPARE a thought for the officials of Danish club B 1903 Copenhagen who tried to boost their attendance for the UEFA Cup tie with Banik Ostrava by allowing under 18's in free.

Despite the current surge by the national team, the fans responded by staying at home. The attendance? 612!



PICKET POWER

FOR the first time in the League of Ireland's 62-year history industrial action forced the postponement of a League match.

A recent match between Limerick United and Waterford, scheduled for Limerick's Market's Field, did not go ahead when Waterford's players refused to pass a Professional Footballers' Association of Ireland picket.

The picket was held in a show of solidarity for Limerick City's players as a boardroom struggle for control of Limerick soccer continues.

At last June's League of Ireland AGM it was proposed United's name be changed to City and a colour change be initiated too. It was carried.

Pat Grace, the League of Ireland's sponsor, became City's chairman, a position he held at United. But United's president John McNamara had June's decision revoked when he brought it to the High Court.

United were re-instated. But all of City's players, all formerly with United, refused to have anything to do with McNamara.

McNamara put together a makeshift side for United's opening League game with Dublin club Bohemians. They were hammered 9-0, a record for Bohemians.

All United players refused to pose for Press photographs and rumour was rife that several unregistered players had played. However the League has given United time to put their house in order.

● Attendances in Belgium are up! After the opening six games of the season the total figure showed an increase of just over 21,000 compared with the same period last year.

● European Champions Hamburg have dropped 'BP' as their sponsors. After five years of lucrative business the Bundesliga giants have re-signed with Japanese firm Hitachi.

● Real Madrid's back-room staff — grounds-men, office workers and maintenance staff — are on strike because their demand for a 20 per cent pay rise has been refused. The offer ranged from eight to 11 per cent, depending on jobs.

● Dukla Prague's Czechoslovakian international striker Ladislav Vizek has vowed that he will never take another penalty. With 99 League goals to his credit, Vizek was encouraged to hit the 'ton' by being nominated to take the spot-kicks. But after three successive misses he has had enough.

commentaries for Tele Monte Carlo for a fee of £65,000 per annum.

● Laurie Cunningham is beginning to fight back from a nightmare run of injuries with his new club, Gijon. The former Orient, West Bromwich Albion and England winger was plagued with trouble at Real Madrid, failed to grab a chance with Manchester United but is now showing the Spanish fans what he can really do.

● The Danish players who beat England 1-0 at Wembley received a bonus of £1,000 per man, paid by the brewers Carlsberg.

● Borussia Dortmund's supporters' club is forming a committee to investigate allegations that a group within their ranks are National Socialists who deliberately start trouble on the terraces.

● The Greek F.A., weary of accusations that League players use drugs, now insist that two players from each First Division team must submit to a dope test after their game.

Le Coq Sportif: the secret of the 8 studs.

Zico is becoming a legend these days. In the top class of South American players, this Brazilian joins the great names in football history. When Zico plays it's beautiful to behold. Thousands of miles away, Glenn Hoddle of Tottenham and Wim Kieft, Europe's best goalscorer of 1982, spark off thunderous applause from the terraces. When Hoddle and Kieft play they mean business.

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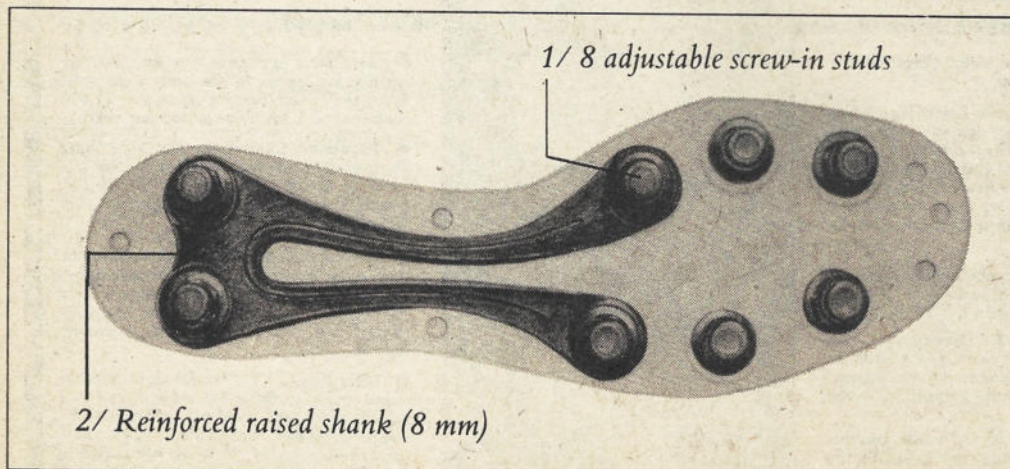


the back, for example: the heel is raised by 6 mm and this gives it added drive to gain that tenth of a second which spells victory. And there's another thing. The Roma 8 laces right up to the front of the foot and thus holds it securely yet comfortably. The special cut of the padded stiffener that protects the Achilles tendon yet gives full freedom of movement to prevent blisters. An inner sole reduces stud

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These are just some of the Roma 8's outstanding features, otherwise nothing has changed. Neither the quality of the carefully selected full grain leather nor the sturdiness of a sole designed to cope with the most extreme weather conditions. Le Coq Sportif has given the Roma 8 the benefit of all the experience it has in these matters... for you can never do enough to merit the confidence of such champions as Zico, Glen Hoddle and Wim Kieft.

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THE MAN

KEITH Burkinshaw was born at Higham, Yorkshire, on June 23, 1935, and shares the same birthday as that great Yorkshire cricketing hero Sir Leonard Hutton.

Burkinshaw was in the same form at Barnsley Grammar School as TV interviewer Michael Parkinson and they shared an interest in Barnsley Football Club.

He started his football career

The MANAGERS

KEITH BURKINSHAW

Sacked after Wembley

with local club Denaby United and then, after being rejected by Wolves, joined Liverpool.

A strong, enthusiastic half-back, he was unable to establish himself at Anfield, where he managed only one League appearance in three seasons before moving on to Workington.

He played 293 League matches during seven years at Workington and then wound down his playing career with Scunthorpe.

THE MANAGER

BURKINSHAW was always a keen student of the game and studied coaching at every available opportunity. He had brief managerial experience at Workington before joining Newcastle United as coach of their reserve side.

After being promoted to first team coach in 1971, he helped shape an outstanding Newcastle team, but was inexplicably sacked after they had been beaten by Liverpool in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final.

His reputation as an outstanding coach had spread through the game and Terry Neill invited him to join the Tottenham backroom staff. He was so impressive with

his attitude and his ability that he was invited to take over as manager when Neill moved across North London to Arsenal in the summer of 1976.

His first year was an unhappy one. Spurs were relegated and he made the major error of selling goalkeeper Pat Jennings to deadly rivals Arsenal.

But he brought them straight back up in style and has since established himself as one of the League's most progressive managers.

HIS METHODS

IT was the sight of the great Real Madrid side of the 1950s — di Stefano, Puskas and Co. — which gave Burkinshaw a target in life. "They were my heroes and the greatest influence on my thinking about the game," he says.

He set out to try to build a Real-style side of the '80s and got close to it with the Tottenham team that won the F.A. Cup in 1981 and again in 1982.

His signing of skilful players like Ossie Ardiles and Alan Brazil and his encouragement of the home-grown talent of Glenn Hoddle says

everything about Burkinshaw's approach to football.

He thinks the game should be played with beauty and artistry and his coaching schedule at Spurs is designed to bring out the inventiveness and individual skill of players.

Serious minded and with little patience for people who knock the game he loves, he is totally dedicated to his job and expects the same devotion from his staff.

HIS LOW POINTS

SACKED by Newcastle after helping them reach the 1974 F.A. Cup Final ... Spurs relegated in his first year as manager ... defeat in the 1982 League Cup Final.

HIS HIGH SPOTS

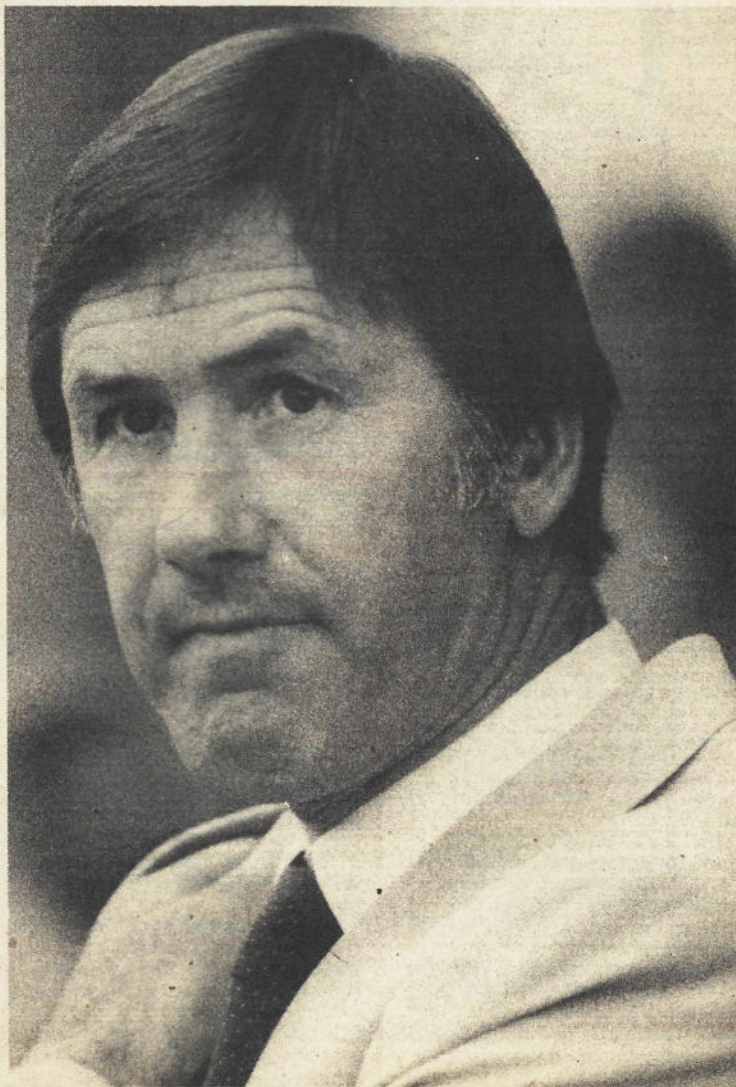
STEERING Spurs straight back into the First Division in 1977-78 ... Signing Argentinian World Cup stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa ... winning the F.A. Cup in 1981 and again in 1982.

THEY SAID IT

STEVE PERRYMAN: "Keith is a perfectionist and wants not only to win but to win in style. He has an infectious enthusiasm for the game that rubs off on the people around him and always gives 100 per cent."

JIMMY GREAVES: "Keith reminds me in many ways of Bill Nicholson, who was Tottenham's manager in my time at White Hart Lane. He is a blunt, honest Yorkshireman with a deep love and understanding of football."

"I don't know anybody in the game who does not respect him. His positive approach to football deserves rewards."



GORDON McQueen was stunned when Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson let rip at him after a League defeat.

McQueen, the big United defender who has just signed a contract which will keep him at Old Trafford until he is 34, was fiercely criticised by Atkinson after Southampton had crushed United 3-0 at The Dell.

Atkinson, aiming much of his fury at McQueen, said: "There is something wrong when Gordon can't handle kicks down the middle from their goalkeeper. And he shouldn't be messed about by Frank Worthington, as he was today. I have young Paul McGrath in the reserves and he'll get his chance sooner rather than later."

McQueen hadn't heard anything like it before in his career. He said: "You don't expect to hear the manager's thoughts in public. Any manager I have worked with before has never done it like that. In his office on Monday morning, OK. But in the Sunday papers? That was a surprise."

"The team didn't play well that day, it wasn't just me."

But a week later the row seemed to have been patched up as United beat Champions Liverpool 1-0 at Old Trafford. That put United

McQueen has been a United star since early 1978 but says: "For the first few years we didn't seem to be getting anywhere. But in the last season or two, the signs have been encouraging for Manchester United."

"We can do even better because the quality of the players at this club is tremendous. But the expectations are high as well —

Flashed!

The telling-off Gordon McQueen will never forget

firmly in the seat as top challengers for Liverpool's crown this season and McQueen said: "There is no doubt we can do it."

"We have not started the season particularly well, that has to be said. Even though we went top of the League in mid-October, we know we can play so much better."

Potential

But McQueen certainly has no doubts as to United's potential. "We showed in matches against Liverpool and then in Prague in the Cup-Winners' Cup second-leg, what we are truly capable of. That was a superb performance in Czechoslovakia. We might not have strung it together as well as we could have done in League games but that will come, I'm sure."

The day Liverpool lost 1-0 at home to Sunderland, United missed a glorious opportunity of picking up three points on the Champions, by losing a 3-0 lead at Norwich, drawing 3-3.

"Daft" was McQueen's word for it — but it showed even United have work to do, to improve their act and strengthen their challenge to Liverpool.



Southampton's Danny Wallace beats McQueen to the ball during Saints' fine 3-0 win at The Dell.

the big crowds and great atmosphere put pressure on you to play to your peak each week. If you don't reach those levels all the time you can suffer from it.

"But I would rather have it that way than be out of the chase for honours."

Desite the bawling out McQueen received from his boss at Southampton, there is no doubt the Scot remains a key man in Atkinson's bid to bring the League title back to Old Trafford for the first time since 1967.



TOP MARKS

TOTTENHAM Hotspur started the season with what was generally regarded as the strongest squad of players in the First Division. And competition for first team places looked to be at its fiercest in attack.

With big transfer fee players Alan Brazil, Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks all available, the prospects for home-grown talent such as Terry Gibson and Mark Falco looked slim.

Gibson moved on to secure regular first team football with Coventry City. But Mark Falco decided to stay and battle for his place.

It looks to be a battle he's winning.

Mark was drafted into the side following a disappointing opening few games for Spurs, and has grown in confidence and stature with almost every match since.

'Predicted'

"I'm a Spurs man through and through, and I desperately wanted to be part of what was being predicted as a very big year for us," says Mark.

"I've had one or two good spells in the side before, but up to now I hadn't really established myself as a first team regular.

"So I worked harder than ever before on my game during pre-season training, and I felt a lot sharper for it. Then it was just a

case of waiting for the opportunity to show it in the First Division.

"At Spurs we tend to use the wings a lot. Our midfield players like to drift out wide, and the full-backs enjoy nothing better than to attack down the flanks like good old-fashioned wingers.

"Where I think I come into my own is by offering myself as a target for all the crosses that come over.

"I'm tall and strong, so the role of 'hit man' suits me down to the ground."

Falco goes on: "With so many options open to the manager no one can take anything for granted at Tottenham this season — least of all me.

"But I feel I've done well so far, and if I can maintain my present form, and avoid any injuries, I believe I can retain my place in the side."

WALTERS for work

MARK Walters, Aston Villa's 19-year-old striker, thought manager Tony Barton was wrong to keep slotting him in and out of the side last season.

Now he's changed his mind. "I didn't agree with what the boss was doing. I wanted to be given a long run in the side, and I got a bit wound up inside about keep being put in then pulled out," admits Mark.

"But now I realise the boss was right. It was only in my best interests, and I think what I was able to learn and then digest last season is one of the main reasons why I've started so well this time.

"My team-mate Gary Shaw said in *Shoot* just recently that I have got to harness my skills to the needs of the team. I believe I'm doing that more and more now.

'Confidence'

"I feel I'm working a lot harder, and I'm a lot more aware of those around me. My confidence on the ball — and in the team as a whole, has grown, too.

"I was scared stiff when I first came into the side last season. But I no longer feel as if I'm the little lad who should be seen but not heard. Now I do almost as much shouting and hollering as Peter Withe — and that's saying something.

"I feel more confident physically, too. I've been doing a bit of weight work at home, not too much mind you, to help me put on a few extra pounds, and I'm sure it's helped me become harder to knock off the ball this season.

"It's especially helped when I've

been asked to play in the centre alongside Peter, where the going can get pretty rough at times.

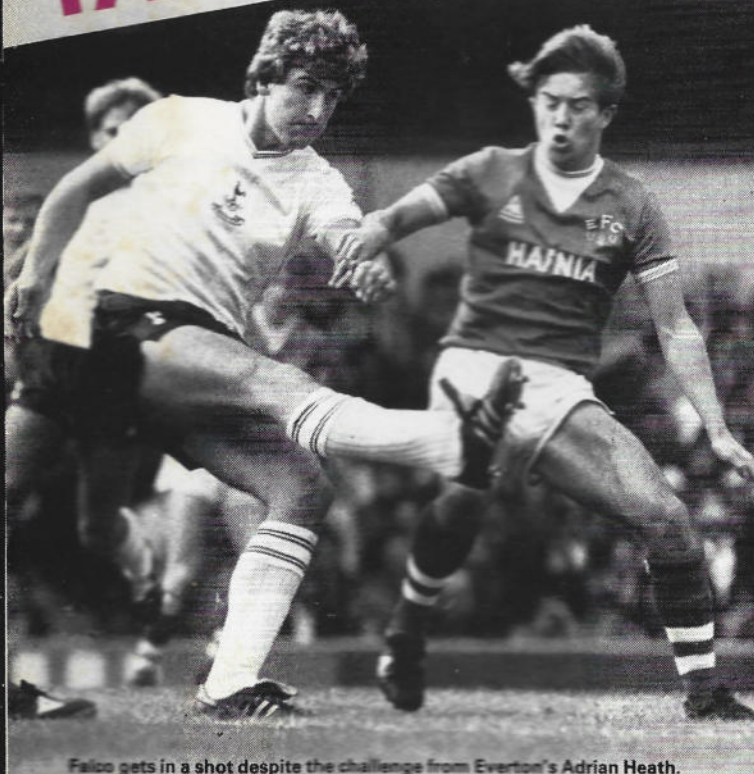
"I prefer that role, though because Villa play a lot through the middle, so you get to see a lot more of the ball than out wide on the left, where I've played before. But at the moment I'm just happy to be playing regularly in the first team."

Villa boss Tony Barton says: "Mark has the ball skill and pace to skin any number of opponents.

"The lad is straight out of the George Best era, because he sets the crowd alight by doing things off the cuff. Not only that, he knows where the net is, too. He can win the game in the time it takes to blink, because scoring goals has become second nature to him. He's been doing it since his schooldays."

It was during those schooldays that Mark used to stand at his favourite Holte End, cheering on his idols. Now he has one of the famous claret and blue shirts of his own. "And I'm determined to keep it," he insists.

FALCO for fight



Falco gets in a shot despite the challenge from Everton's Adrian Heath.

FOCUS TREVOR STEVEN

Full name: Trevor McGregor Steven
Birthplace and date: Berwick-upon-Tweed in Northumberland (yes, I'm English!) on September 21st, 1963.
Height and weight: 5ft 9ins, 10st 9lbs.
Married: No. I'm engaged to Karen.
Home: Still looking for a place around the Southport area.
Car: At the moment I'm still driving my old Ford Capri 1.6GL.

EVERTON

Previous club: Burnley.
Nickname: The Burnley lads called me 'Tricky' but the Everton lads call me a variety of names — some of them unprintable.
Favourite current player: Glenn Hoddle. He has tremendous awareness and brilliant passing ability.
Team you supported as a boy: I never had one favourite team, but Newcastle got most of my attention.

Biggest influences on career: Initially Mr Wilf Renton, my old school teacher in Berwick. He coached me all the way through to joining Burnley. From then on all the coaching staff at Turf Moor.
Ambitions for 1983-84: To have a cracking good season with Everton and help the club win a trophy or a place in Europe.

Boyhood hero: There were three — Pele, Bobby Charlton and George Best (right).

Superstitions: None.
Most memorable match: Losing 3-0 to Liverpool in the Semi-Final of last season's Milk Cup while with Burnley. It may seem strange to remember a defeat, but the experience of playing against such greats was unforgettable.

Biggest disappointments: Burnley being relegated to the Third Division and losing in last season's F.A. Cup Quarter-Final replay at Sheffield Wednesday.

International honours: England schoolboy and Youth caps.

Club honours: Third Division Championship medal with Burnley 1981-82.

Hobbies: At the moment, looking at houses.

Favourite other sports: Tennis, snooker and golf.

Favourite other sports person: Daley Thompson. He has tremendous strength and ability.

Favourite showbusiness stars: Actors such as Jack Nicholson and Burt Lancaster. I don't have a favourite actress — any nice lookers suit me. I have a varied selection of records — Style Council, Diana Ross, Spandau Ballet (right). I also enjoy watching Only Fools and Horses and Dallas on TV.



Long-term ambitions: To have a long and successful First Division career and to have a happy and healthy life. My professional ambition is to play for England at senior level.



SHOOT!